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Budget Debate

WHEN the Colony is presented with a financial Budget which defies serious criticism, a considerable measure of sympathy can be felt for the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council entrusted with the duty of debating its provisions. Detailed analysis of the Estimates become redundant, and to be critical of policies which are both appropriate and realistic would be carping. The Unofficials are thus thrust back on exploring proposals for future expansion and improvement of the Colony's public services, facilities and amenities. Yesterday's Budget debate produced a thoroughly comprehensive job in this field of inquiry. Several of the subjects discussed involve long-term policy and planning; many too have been debated before. Yet none of them could be ruled as frivolous. On the contrary without exception they represent problems which must sooner or later be resolved if Hongkong is to maintain its present tempo of expansion.

Town planning, which includes the creation of satellite, more and wider roads, pedestrian subways, parking allotments and recreational amenities, attracted the attention of some of the Unofficials, who also revealed a keen appreciation of the necessities associated with this question.

IN Kowloon and the New Territories planned development of new areas presents nothing like the difficulties which beset the same subject on the Island. This applies particularly in the matter of arterial roads into and out of the city. The problem re-evoked in yesterday's debate comment on the Queen's Road military lands and produced a new emphasis on the necessity for Government striving still yet harder to obtain reversion of that valuable area.

Arguments for the surrender of at least a goodly portion of the military lands have become stronger by virtue of the declared policy of the Imperial Government to reduce its overseas garrisons, and the moment appears to be propitious for a further approach to the War Office for some positive assurances about rendition of the property in the not distant future.

There will be a wide measure of public support for the proposal that the North Point development project should be repeated in parts of Kowloon and the New Territories. It is an admirable form of decentralisation—the logical solution to the problem, constantly becoming more and more aggravated, of over-built and over-populated urban areas.

SEVERAL of the subjects discussed in yesterday's debate called less for new official policies and more for accelerated implementation of principles and designs already approved by Government. One example was the plea for greater official encouragement for private institutions to build hospitals and contribute in other ways to enlarging and improving the Colony's medical services.

Possibly from the official viewpoint a more controversial proposition was that Government should subsidize its professed keenness to promote the tourist industry, by offering loans at reasonable interest rates and land at low cost to encourage private enterprise to press forward in building a sufficient number of hotels to accommodate our tourists. The proposal may at least reveal what sort of priority Government rates for tourism promotion.

By and large the Budget debate was far more stimulating than was perhaps anticipated, and the official replies will be awaited with interest.

CANAL READY BY APRIL 10

Restoration A Month Ahead Of Estimate

Cairo, Mar. 20.

General Raymond Wheeler, in charge of UN Salvage Operations in the Suez Canal, who arrived in Cairo from Ismailia tonight, said he would tell Mr Hammarskjold the Canal will be "in perfect order" by April 10, a month ahead of the original estimate.

Asked when the clearance of the tug Edgar Bonnet would be completed to allow the transit of ships of 26-foot draught, he said: "We will raise the Edgar Bonnet on Monday except if something unexpected happens; you know how salvage work is."

He said the German team with the powerful salvage craft Energie and Ausdauer would "pick up the wreck of the freighter Abukir from the Gulf of Suez."

"They will start on Friday and our optimistic estimate they will have completed the job by April 10."

General Wheeler said: "The Abukir will be towed and dumped into the Great Bitter Lake's graveyard."

LIGHT CONVERSION

He said the conversion of the Canal's entire lighting system from gas to electricity would take eight months.

"But we will have the gas system working by April 10 so that night navigation of the Canal may be possible."

Asked about dredging conditions in the Canal, he said: "The dredging position is quite good. I do not think any additional dredging will be required to allow transit by April 10 as three dredgers have been working for one and half months all along the Canal."

General Wheeler announced that an international call for bids for the Canal's dredging programme, to be financed by the UN had been made.

"We have received many bids already," he said.

WORKSHOPS

General Wheeler added that the Canal's workshops were now in 80 per cent operating condition and their repair was "proceeding satisfactorily."

Asked if he was satisfied with the overall progress of his work, he said with a wide smile: "Well, we have beaten some of our schedules, haven't we?" —China Mail Special.

Menon: A Key Figure

New York, Mar. 20.

Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, Indian Minister without portfolio, was seen in United Nations circles today as a key figure in moves to solve the Suez Canal issue along lines acceptable to both the West and Egypt.

Diplomats said Mr Menon was certainly performing a valuable function in his talks with President Nasser in advance of the arrival in Cairo of Mr Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General.

Western delegations noted today's US State Department statement that Egypt's new memorandum on operation of the Canal was a tentative proposal subject to consultation with the Secretary-General and the recommendation of United States support for a solution based on the six principles approved by the Security Council last October.

FULLY CONVERSANT

The interpretation given here to this statement was that the Egyptian proposals, submitted yesterday, are capable of enlargement to satisfy the Powers' requirements.

Mr Menon, who is fully conversant with the Western viewpoint, is believed here to have been using his unique diplomatic position and his long experience in statesmanship to advise President Nasser on a course in the international interest. —Reuter.

ADAMS MURDER TRIAL

Defence Springs New Surprise

London, Mar. 20.

Counsel defending Dr John Bodkin Adams on a charge of murder today startled three middle aged nurses — all key prosecution witnesses — by revealing he knew about their private conversations on a train.

Argentina Verging On Bankruptcy

Buenos Aires, Mar. 20.

Senator Roberto Verrier, Argentina's new Finance Minister, issued a warning in a nationwide broadcast today that the nation was on the verge of bankruptcy.

He was speaking from Government House, where he addressed a joint meeting of the Cabinet, political leaders and service chiefs.

Senator Verrier said that unless drastic steps were taken at once the country's reserves would be exhausted by the end of 1957 and unless the domestic budget deficit were reduced the rate of inflation in 1958 would double that of last year. —China Mail Special.

Intelligence Chief Deposed

Beirut, Mar. 20.

Syria's strong man, Colonel Abdul Hamid Sarraj, has been ousted from his key post of head of Military Intelligence in a purge carried out by army leaders, according to reports reaching here.

The reports said that Sarraj, head of the Deuxieme Bureau (Military Intelligence), had been forced to resign by General Nazam el-Din, chief of the Syrian General Staff.

A number of Sarraj's supporters also were dismissed from their posts, the reports added, and several officers had been charged with mutiny.

Sarraj, a mystery figure in Syrian politics, was regarded as the power-behind-the-government and one of the leading supporters of collaboration with the Soviets. —United Press.

US Magazine Dearer

New York, Mar. 20.

Newsweek magazine announced today its single copy price will be raised from 20 to 25 cents, effective with the April 1 issue which will go on news stands next week. —United Press.

HK REFUGEE PROBLEM REFERRED TO UN

London, Mar. 20.

Conservative member of U. Parliament Dame Irene Ward asked the Colonial Secretary, Mr Lennox-Boyd, in the House of Commons today whether he would support the Governor of Hong Kong's request for United Nations assistance in helping the resettlement of the Colony's refugee population.

The disclosure brought a stern warning from the Judge trying the bachelor doctor that he would take a serious view of it if the nurses were again caught discussing the case outside the court.

The Defence Counsel, Mr Geoffrey Lawrence, who has already sprung surprise after surprise on the prosecution, did not tell how he had managed to evade it.

As soon as Sister Annie Mason, Ellis stepped into the witness box today, he immediately confronted her with his knowledge of her train conversation, which had taken place only two hours previously on her way to court.

Under his searching questions, she agreed one of the other nurses had said on the train: "Don't say that or you will get me into trouble." This, she said, referred to testimony that drugs administered to Mrs Edith Morrell, rich old widow the doctor is accused of poisoning, were kept in a locked cabinet.

Sister Mason Ellis' recollection was that the drugs were kept in a drawer and there was no cabinet.

Mrs Mason Ellis, who nursed Mrs Morrell at her mansion home in Eastbourne before her death in 1950, was five hours in the witness box.

Mr Lawrence took her point by point through daily reports she had written at the time about the old woman's condition and treatment. These reports, in eight school exercise books, were produced as surprise exhibits by the defence yesterday.

Describing them as "the fountain of truth," Mr Lawrence read extracts recording the of rage and irritability by Mrs Morrell, who, according to the prosecution, was deliberately killed by massive quantities of drugs.

"Don't Know"

One extract read: "Said I refused to look after her and said I did nothing but sit down when I was on duty. Wished she was dead and she knew a doctor who would put her to sleep forever. Later apologised for the aforementioned."

Stressing that the widow was being attended at this time by Dr Adams, Mr Lawrence asked the witness: "Here she was, wishing she knew a doctor who would fulfil the qualifications she wanted?"

Sister Mason Ellis replied: "I don't know to whom she was referring."

From the nursing "case books," the defence counsel also brought out evidence that Mrs Morrell was not in a coma in the afternoon of the day before her death. The trial was adjourned till tomorrow. —China Mail Special.

ANGLO-US ACCORD EXPECTED ON CANAL TOLLS

Tuckers Town, Bermuda, Mar. 20.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and President Eisenhower, in a private conference tonight with their secretaries, explored a vast field of Anglo-American problems to be covered in the next few days, with particular emphasis on British insistence on withdrawing thousands of United Kingdom troops from the European defence force.

Professional Jealousy

San Francisco, Mar. 20.

A special jury in charge of organising an open-air painting exhibition in Berkeley (California) next June decided today, by 4 votes to three, that Betsy, the chimpanzee-painter of Baltimore, would not be allowed to exhibit her work beside the paintings of human colleagues.

Betsy's paintings have been much admired in some art circles and have been sold for considerable sums. —France-Press.

MOLLET'S PRESTIGE SHAKEN

Paris, Mar. 20.

The French Government feels its prestige has been severely shaken in the current policy debate, that M. Guy Mollet, the Prime Minister, is hesitating to risk a formal vote of confidence, it was learned tonight.

M. Paul Ramadier, Finance Minister, caused apprehension yesterday with his prophecy of budget increases next year and considerable economic strain till 1960 or 1961. Today M. Jean Legendre, a right-wing deputy, lashed a further blow—an attack on government policy in Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.

The Cabinet has authorised M. Mollet to ask for a vote of confidence at the end of the debate. In that case, he would make the proposal on Friday and the vote would be taken next Tuesday.

On a formal confidence motion, the deputies must vote in person, not by proxy, in view of the wage of hostility, which has swept over its centre and right-wing supporters since yesterday, the Government is afraid that too many deputies might stay away, creating a danger of defeat.

The Premier's aides said tonight that he might therefore seek a "semi-official" confidence vote — an ordinary vote preceded by a solemn announcement by the Premier that he will resign if defeated. —China Mail Special.

Table-Tennis Star Seeks Asylum

Stockholm, Mar. 20.

The Hungarian table-tennis champion, 22-year-old Mrs Agnes Simon, has applied for asylum in Sweden as a political refugee, the police at Malmoe said today.

Her application is expected to be granted.

Mrs Simon took part in the world championships here last week.

She went with the other 11 members of the team to Stockholm Central Station, she told the police, but hid in a corner while the team boarded the train.

Then she went to friends at Lidingen, outside Stockholm. Later she made her way south to Malmoe and stayed in the flat of friends there.

"I did not put my foot outside the flat until I was sure that the team was back in Hungary," she said. Friends of Mrs Simon said her husband is in Holland. —China Mail Special.

POLITICIAN TRESPASSED ON BASE

Singapore, Mar. 20.

Mr Lim Yew Hock, the Chief Minister, cabled from London today for full information about military police questioning of an Asian politician for having entered a Royal Air Force security area on this island base.

Acting Chief Minister, Mr A. J. Braga, said tonight "I am sending a full report of this unpleasant incident with my comments."

Mr Braga said witnesses had substantiated that a Royal Air Force corporal has been "rude, arrogant and used language which hardly bears repetition" in front of the politician, Mr Tan Theng Chiang, a member of the Singapore Legislative Assembly and an assistant minister.

DENIAL

An RAF spokesman, denying the charges, told Reuter: "We can't possibly apologise because there is nothing to apologise for."

An RAF policeman last Friday intercepted Mr Tan with a party of journalists and government officials after they had used a jetty attached to the RAF Changi base on Singapore to make a launch trip to a nearby island to inspect water supplies. —Reuter.

Australia To Cut Army Draft

Canberra, Mar. 20.

The Australian Government proposes to reduce its army draft by 17,000 men and to suspend drafts into the Navy and Air Force, informed sources said today.

The sources said the Government proposal was announced by Defence Minister Sir Philip McBride during a secret meeting with Parliamentary parties. —United Press.

Arbitration Offer By Engineering Employers

London, Mar. 20.

British engineering employers tonight agreed to submit to arbitration a wage dispute which threatens to bring 3,000,000 engineers out on strike.

The employers made their offer to arbitrate during "peace" talks they had with Minister of Labour, Mr Iain Macleod.

The strike, for a 10 per cent pay increase, is due to begin on Saturday when 1,000,000 men are due out in the midst of a series of "guerrilla" stoppages.

The remaining 2,000,000 will be out by April 6—the biggest technical shut-down in Britain for 30 years.

To See Macleod

Later tonight trade union leaders were due to see Mr Macleod.

At the same time, Sir Brian Robertson, Chairman of the British Transport Commission, opened wage talks with leaders of the 370,000-member National Union of Railwaymen, who had rejected an offer of a three per cent pay rise as "an insult" after asking for 10 per cent.

They agreed to meet Sir Brian again tomorrow in an endeavour to solve "the difficult situation."

The engineers' "guerrilla" strikes will hit defence orders and stop work in plants turning out cars, aircraft, agricultural machinery, electrical equipment and machine tools.

In the rail crisis today, Mr Jim Campbell, General Secretary of the NUR, appealed to his executive not to take any precipitate action.

"The question is too delicate to make any extended comment at this stage," he said.

Shipyards Silent

The NUR's rejection of the three per cent offer does not affect the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen—the 70,000 men who actually drive the trains.

British shipyards, crammed with 2,000 million worth of home and overseas contracts, remained silent and deserted for the fifth day through a strike of 200,000 building and repair men. —Reuter.

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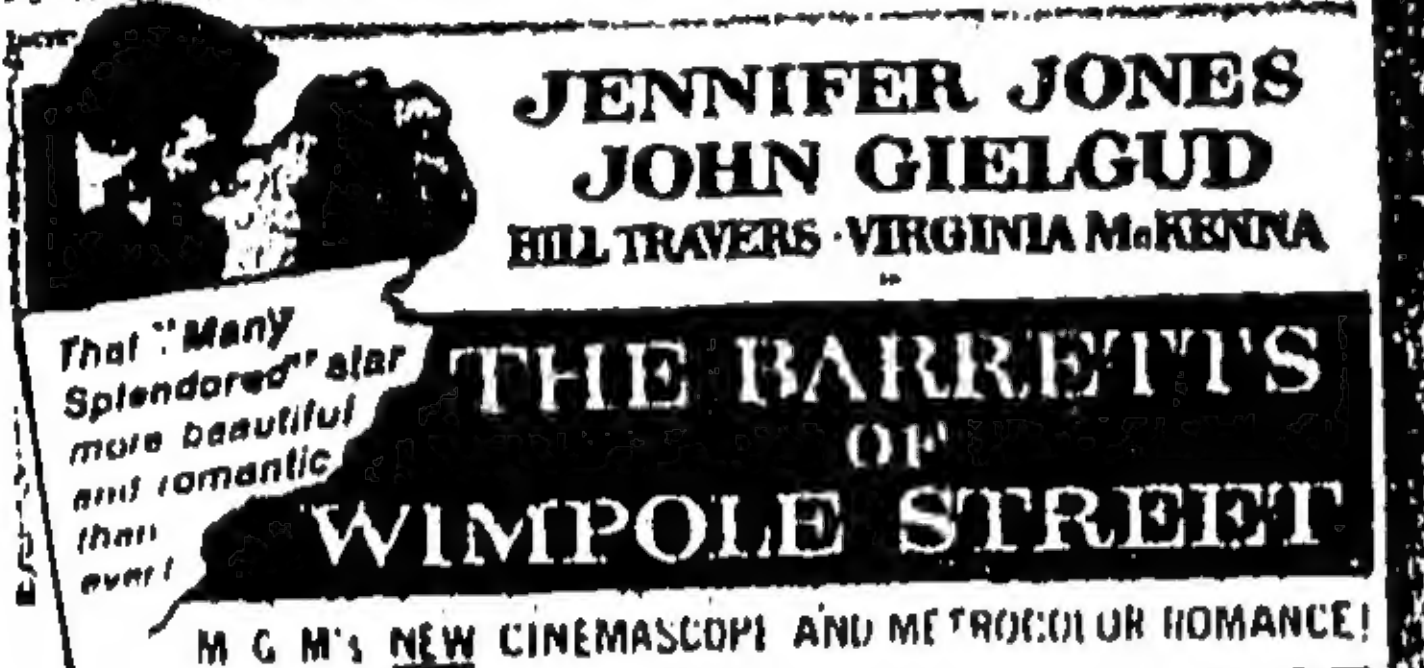


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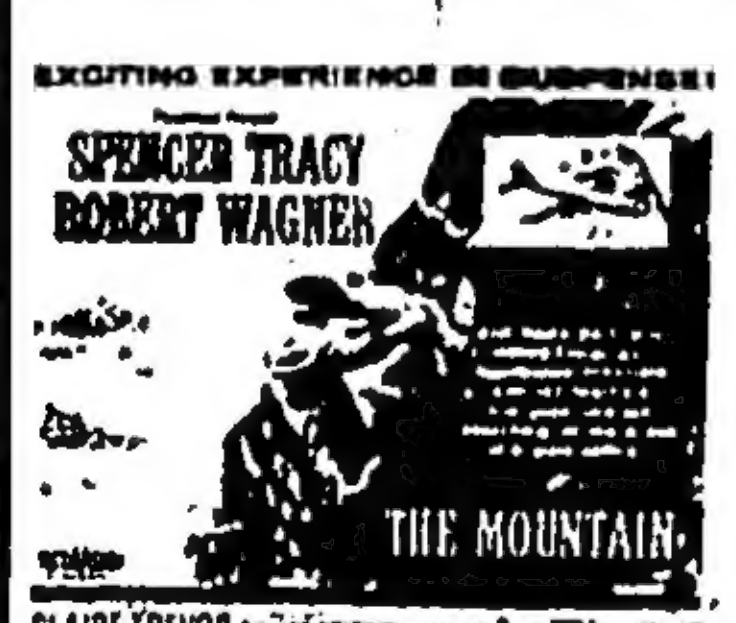
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PROBLEM IS—HOW TO STOP SEALS FISHING

Almost 3,000 seals have made their homes on Scotland's Farne Islands, 20 miles south of the mouth of the River Tweed.

New Giant Tankers Too Big For The Canal

Paris, Mar. 20. Virtually all tankers now being built in French shipyards are heavy tonnage vessels, designed for the long haul around the Cape.

They are of such a size, furthermore, that they deliberately exclude passage through the Suez Canal, a survey showed today.

Dunkirk shipyards have confirmed orders for eight new super-tankers, some of them for American firms.

One of 68,300 tons is for the Hemisphere Transportation Corporation, which had previously ordered two others in French shipyards. All will fly the Panama flag. British Petroleum has ordered three 47,850-tonners, with a fourth already being built at Dunkirk. The Nareah group has ordered a 46,300-ton tanker. The Tidewater Oil Associated Company launched the third of its four ordered 51,850-ton tankers last month.—France Press.

Cyril Stapleton And Show Band Sacked By BBC

London, March 20.

The BBC has told Cyril Stapleton that it is not going to renew his contract. This means that from July there will be no Stapleton — AND NO SHOW BAND.

For under Stapleton's contract he supplies the band. That means he recruits the musicians. Daily Mail correspondent, Philip Purser, said BBC executives feel this arrangement gave Stapleton too much power.

Another reason, he said, may be that the BBC wanted to economise.

(Cyril Stapleton and his band are heard over Radio Hongkong occasionally. His records are in the station's library. Liszner heard him last night at 8.30 playing a half-hour selection of music called "Paris After Dark.")

WORK HORSES

The 43-year-old band leader and his 17 hand-picked musicians have been BBC's "work-horses" for nearly five years—doing three shows a week, 48 weeks a year.

The band which has become a household name will play for the last time on June 29—unless Stapleton decides to keep it going as a private venture.

He said: "I just haven't had time to think about that yet. It's not so bad for the boys. They are all free-lance musicians, and play in other bands from time to time. It's hardest on me, really. Show Band has occupied all my time. Now I have to begin all over again."

NO SUCCESSOR

Why has the BBC made this decision? An official statement said only: "We now feel that it is time to make a change. For the present there will be no successor."

Stapleton said: "I don't know any more than that. Michael Standing, controller of entertainment, called me to his office and read me that statement."

SHIP PASSES TIRAN STRAITS

Tel Aviv, Mar. 20. The Israeli-chartered freighter Pandora passed through the Tiran Straits without interference, it was officially announced.—United Press.

London, March 20.

Local fishermen are convinced that the Farne Islands seals are the marauders which are killing and mutilating Tweed salmon by the score.

The problem is now being probed extensively, for it is one which threatens the livelihood of every salmon fisher on the river.

It is estimated that one out of every 10 salmon which enters the river from the North Sea is attacked and injured by seals. This does not take into account the number of fish which never reach the estuary.

Veteran fishers are certain that seals both breed on the islands and swim to the Tweed to kill salmon.

RAIDED NET

One states he has seen a seal dive into a bulging net and emerge with a prime salmon between its fore flippers.

Injuries can knock as much as two shillings a pound off the value of a salmon. The average Tweed salmon weighs nine pounds.

One expert has said: "Some control is obviously necessary. This does not mean extermination—public opinion is against that—but the number of seals must be cut down in the commercial interests of the salmon industry."

But the seals on the Farne show an uncanny intelligence. No one can get within 50 miles of them.—London Express Service.

Pictures show: (left) Press cameraman Peter Macvean managed to photograph the seals, using a 20-inch lens gun camera; and (right) some of the seals of the Farne Islands.

Tornado Havoc

Wellington, Mar. 20.

A tornado which struck New Plymouth, principal town of Taranaki Province, early today cut a long narrow swathe of damage from the sea and up the valley through the western section of the city for three miles.

Many buildings were severely damaged.—China Mail Special.

W. Germany Gets Top Armed Forces Chief

Bonn, Mar. 20.

Lieutenant-General Adolf Heusinger was appointed Chairman of the Combined Chiefs-of-Staff of the West German Armed Forces today.

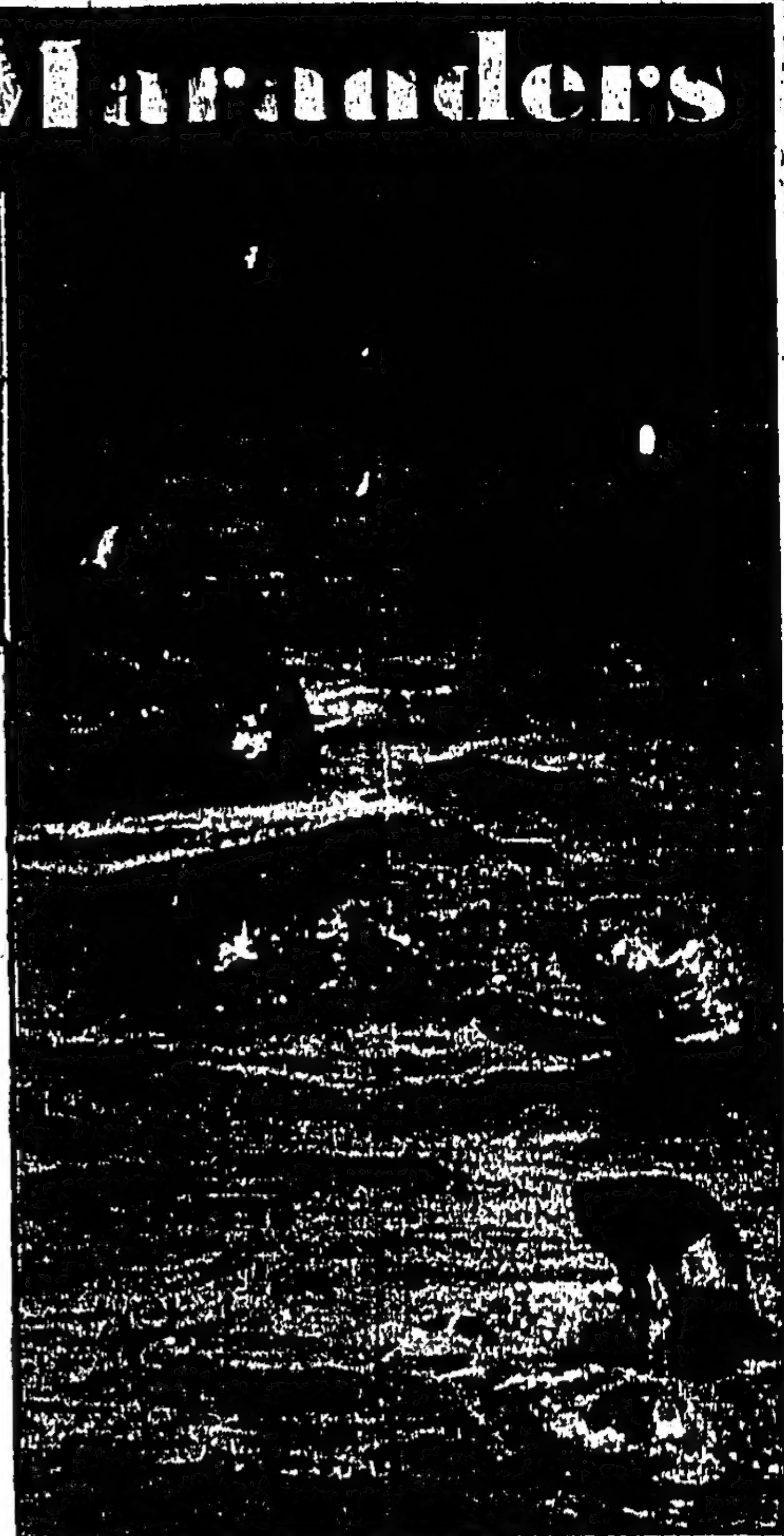
A Government spokesman told a news conference the decision was taken by the Cabinet this morning.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, who returned from his holiday in Italy yesterday, presided.

General Heusinger thus became the highest West German officer. He is expected to be given the rank of a four-star general later this year, informed sources said.

The chiefs of the army, navy and air force will be subordinate to General Heusinger.—China Mail Special.

Bonn, Mar. 20. The West German Cabinet today decided to recommend September 15 as the date for the next general election.—Reuter.



American Businessmen Coming To Colony

San Francisco, Mar. 20.

The President of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Mr E. D. Maloney, today announced that 40 San Francisco businessmen would leave on May 3 for a goodwill tour of Japan, Hongkong and the Philippines.

The group arriving in Tokyo on May 5 would spend five days at the Tokyo Trade Fair, and visit Nagoya and Shimizu.

From Nagoya, the party would visit Osaka-Kobe area, returning to Tokyo to fly to Hongkong.

After a two days' stay in Hongkong, the party would fly to the Philippines, leaving Manila for San Francisco on May 26, after a four-day stay.—Reuter.

HUNGER STRIKE OVER

Amman, Mar. 20.

A group of 199 refugees from the Gaza strip today ended their two-day hunger strike after the personal intervention of King Hussein.

The refugees who fled from Gaza to Jordan when the Israelis occupied Gaza, were protesting against the Jordan Government's failure to send them home.

In addition to King Hussein's intervention, the Egyptian Embassy military attaché promised to allow the refugees to return as soon as conditions in the Gaza strip returned to normal.—France Press.

London, Mar. 20. The British Admiralty is considering disposing with four 36,000-ton battleships of the Reserve Fleet. Admiralty Under-Secretary, Christopher Soames, stated in Parliament today.

The four battleships, the Anson, the Howe, the Duke of York and the King George V were built between 1910 and 1912.—France Press.

AUSTRALIA ADOPTING U.S. WEAPONS

Canberra, Mar. 20.

The Australian Government is planning to standardize its military equipment on the American pattern with the purchase of American field guns to replace those of British manufacture, informed sources said today.

The source said the Defence Minister, Sir Phillip Morris, told a secret meeting of the Parliamentary parties that the government planned the purchase of the American 105-millimetre field gun to replace the British 25-pound gun now in use in Australia, the source said.

This proposal, together with plans to purchase the American Star fighter F104 and the troop carrier C119, mean that Australia was attempting to standardize its equipment on the American pattern, the source said.—United Press.

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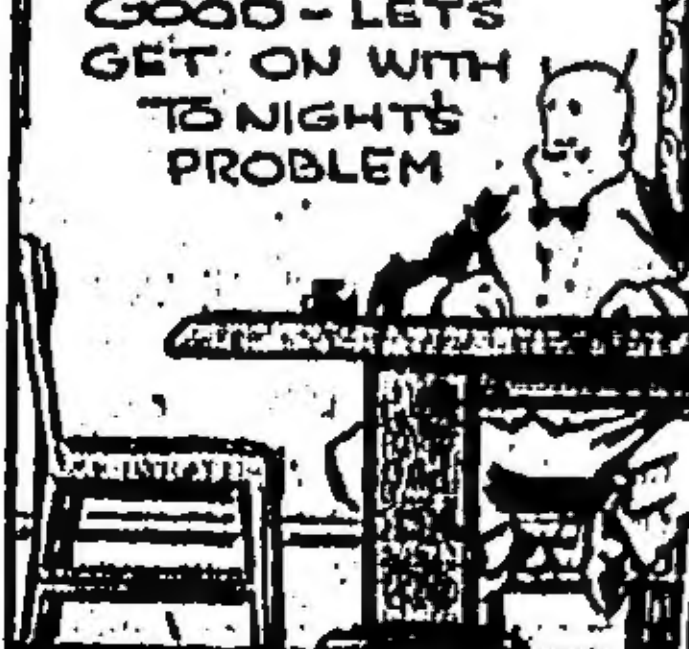
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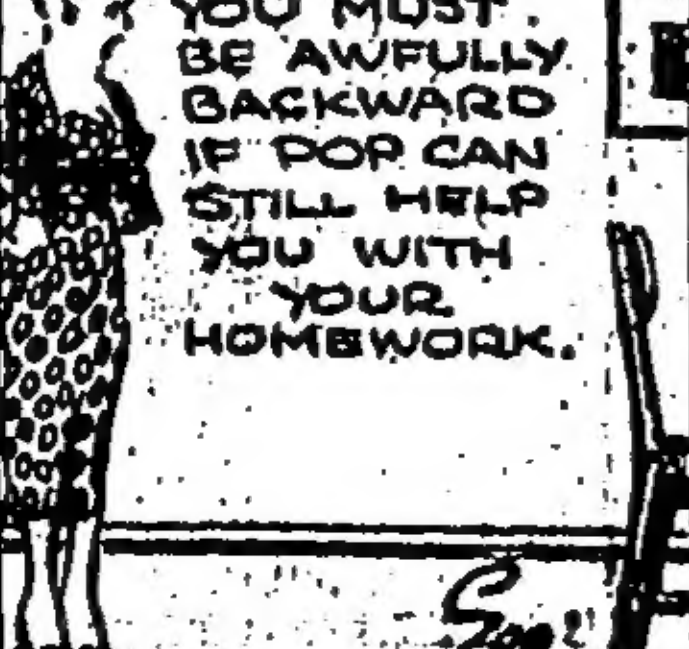
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U.S. MOVE TO RESTART AID FLOW TO ISRAEL

Talks In Washington & Tel Aviv Reported

Washington, Mar. 20. The United States has begun consultations with Israel with a view to resuming economic assistance, American officials said today.

They said the talks got under way at the beginning of this week in Washington and Tel Aviv and that they were expected to last about two weeks before existing aid programmes to Israel were resumed.

These programmes were suspended after Israel invaded Egypt on October 29. The United States at that time:

★ Held up a pending \$25 million grant to Israel for the 1957 financial year period which ends June 30.

★ Set aside plans for sending an Export-Import Bank mission to Israel in response to an application for a \$75 million loan for internal water development.

★ Suspended negotiations for sale of \$30 million worth of surplus agricultural commodities for Israeli currency, the proceeds to be loaned to Israel for development projects.

★ Withdrew its economic aid mission from Israel. This meant suspension of the technical co-operation ("Point - four") programme in that country, which was using a little more than \$1 million annually, as well as the \$25 million-a-year economic development aid programme.

★ Clamped down on travel by American citizens to Israel, thus denying to that country considerable revenues from tourism.

To start with, the talks in Washington were being carried on between Meir Sherrman, Economic Minister of the Israeli Embassy, and L. Wade Latham, a Middle East economic expert in the State Department.

It was believed that the negotiations will be taken to a higher level next week, when the Israeli Ambassador Mr. Abba Eban returns to Washington from an interrupted vacation in Florida. After that, the talks were expected to be carried to a conclusion by technical experts of both sides.—United Press.

Mrs Meir Flies Home: 'Suggestions Made'

New York, Mar. 20.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, left for home tonight for discussions with the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion.

She said she would meet Mr. Ben-Gurion shortly after her arrival in Tel-Aviv on Friday.

Mrs. Meir said she had no plans to meet French officials during her stopover in Paris.

MORE TALKS

Of her visit to the United States, she said there would be "further consultations" between Mr. Abba Eban and U.S. State Department officials on the Middle East situation.

"The Israeli Government has made certain suggestions for implementation of our joint objectives in the Middle East," she told newsmen before departing. "We know that these suggestions are being seriously considered by the U.S. State Department and our Ambassador and his colleagues will be in further consultations."

IDENTITY

She said she had achieved the principal purpose of her trip in her talk with Mr. Dulles in Washington on Monday. She said this was to discover whether the motives and objectives of the Jerusalem and Washington governments were "identical."

"I believe that there is an identity of objectives in the

Middle East between our two governments," she said, "so far as concerns navigation of the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba and the Suez Canal, and so far as concerns United Nations responsibility in Gaza."

Asked what was the most she felt Israel could hope for from the conferences in Cairo between the U.N. Secretary General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, and President Nasser of Egypt, she said:

VIEWS CLASH

"The most we can hope for is peace. It has been our thought for a long time that it is extremely important and vital that the state of belligerency claimed by Egypt should be done away with. We think this is the desire and wish of the U.N. and we think this is a basic problem of the Middle East."

She said this did not necessarily mean the signing of a peace treaty, though she did not rule out this possibility.

She said there was a difference of opinion between her country and the United States as regards the U.N. forces in the Gaza strip. She said Israel did not agree with the United States

that the U.N. troops were in control there. She said she hoped Mr. Hammarskjöld would deal with the matter and would reveal them when he returned to U.N. headquarters.

Mrs. Meir was asked whether free navigation for Israeli ships was not one of the assumptions of her government when it agreed to withdrawal from Gaza and the Sinai peninsula.

"This was not only an assumption," she answered. "All the powers that supported free passage for Israel have not changed their views. Several of the powers made that clear at the time. The President of the United States made it clear that that was his position."—United Press.

AMERICA TO TELL ATOM-SUB SECRETS

London, Mar. 20.

Britain and the United States are to discuss next month procedures for an exchange of information on nuclear propulsion of submarines.

Mr. Thomas Galbraith, Civil Lord to the Admiralty, told the House of Commons today when asked whether he had received technical information requested from the United States about the nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus.

Mr. Eric Fletcher, said this question was of strategic importance, both defensive and offensive, and asked whether the Admiralty was satisfied with the arrangements made with the United States for an exchange of technical information.

Mr. Galbraith replied that the discussions on procedures were to take place next month.—China Mail Special.

60,000 TONS OF TINNED MEAT GO BAD

London, Mar. 20.

MORE than 60,000 tons of canned meat, stockpiled by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, have been found unsuitable. The meat has been stored too long, and the tins have rusted.

They were in 200 depots, and deterioration was discovered when rationing ended in 1954. It was then proposed to put them in 50 better dry-stores. Since then it has taken a professional firm with a large staff two years to test samples.

Discrepancies

This is stated in a report by the Auditor-General, Sir Frank Tribe, on the accounts of several Government Departments for 1955-6.

He calls constant attention to discrepancies between original estimates and amounts ultimately spent.

He quotes Swift aircraft orders. In November 1950 100 aircraft were ordered at an estimated £28,875 each.

By August 1953 the total ordered by the Ministry of Supply was 492. Estimated cost of each had risen to £43,000.

In February 1955, when the cost had risen to £61,000 it was discovered that 39 aircraft already delivered were not fit for squadron service.

Up £240

The design was altered. Final cost of 129 aircraft will be some £240,000—more than £300,000 each. Of these 28 are subject to operational limitations.

An order for light cars placed in 1950 at a tendered price of £366 each is also reported. Two years later the contractor said the vehicle had been redesigned. The cost went up to £606 for materials alone.

Eventually there was an increase over the original contract price of more than £2,500,000, or 45 p.c.

Wants Friends In West—But He's Also Critical

London, Mar. 20.

Rumania wishes "to improve relations with Great Britain, the United States and other Western countries," according to her newly re-elected Prime Minister, Mr. Chivu Stoila, quoted by the official news agency Agerpres today.

It said that in a comprehensive report on home and foreign policy to Parliament yesterday he said Rumania "considers that this objective can be reached on the basis of equality of rights, mutual advantage, and non-interference in each other's internal affairs."

He went on to attack President Eisenhower's Middle East doctrine as a military programme aimed at the seizure of Middle East oil and other resources, and at the European Common Market and Euratom plans "constitute a danger to the European peoples."—Reuter.

SOVIET TRADE WITH FREE WORLD DOUBLED SINCE 1953

Washington, Mar. 20.

Soviet group trade agreements with the free world have nearly doubled since 1953, according to a private report now being considered by the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The report said that by late 1956 the Soviet group had extended 30-year credits totalling \$1,400,000,000 at 2 to 2½ per cent interest, and Soviet group technicians were training natives of 14 countries in mining and petroleum enterprises. More than 10 per cent of the

foreign trade of Afghanistan, Egypt, Finland, Hongkong, Iceland, Iran, Turkey and Yugoslavia was now with the bloc, the report said.

It added that the Soviet growth in industrial output was at the rate of 6 per cent a year against 4 per cent for the United States, and the Soviet growth "could be larger" than 6 per cent.—Reuter.

Coal Mission Report

London, Mar. 21.

The British Technical Mission to the Russian coal industry which travelled 12,000 miles in four weeks and covered a

79 Rebels Killed: Claim By French

Algiers, Mar. 20.

French troops killed 79 rebels in the past 24 hours in a sudden flare-up of fighting throughout Algeria, military authorities reported today.

Losses among French troops were not reported, but officials said civilians slain by rebels included two Europeans and three Moslems.

The armed engagements yesterday were heaviest near the Tunisian border in the east and the Moroccan border to the west.

Fighting has been heaviest in these two regions since Algerian rebels frequently concentrate near the borders of the two neighbouring Moslem states, both of which support the cause of Algerian independence.

30 SHOT

In the region near the rug-making centre of Tebessa close to the Tunisian frontier, French infantrymen shot down 30 rebels, took six prisoners and seized arms and ammunition.

In mountains south of Oran at the western end of Algeria, another French combat patrol slew 20 insurgents.

The remaining 29 rebels killed during the day in smaller actions scattered across the territory.

Meanwhile, French paratroopers in Algeria seized eight Moslem nationalists charged by the Army with committing "a number" of individual attacks against civilians in that city.—United Press.

Farouk's First Wife Fined £81

Cairo, Mar. 20.

Ex-Queen Farida of Egypt, first wife of King Farouk, has appealed against a fine of £81 imposed on her by a tribunal dealing with a treasury claim of £26,720 against her, it was learned today.

Ex-Queen Farida, now Madame Safinaz Zouheir, was fined for failing to appear before the tribunal in her appeal, she declared that the tribunal was not competent and claimed special jurisdiction.

The ex-Queen declared that in any case she was not subject to the tribunal by virtue of her position as Queen. The sums which the treasury claimed from her were for expenses incurred from 1939 to 1948.

The Tribunal will give its ruling on the case on March 30.—France-Press.

Ike Will Hear Trade Protest

London, Mar. 20.

The limitations on trade with China by non-Communist nations is likely to be raised in the discussions between the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, and President Eisenhower, at Bermuda, the House of Commons was told today by Mr. David Ormsby-Gore, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

WILL REDS IN INDIA TRY TO GRAB BRITISH ESTATES?

New Delhi, Mar. 20.

WILL the Communists of Kerala State, who have won a majority in the current provincial elections, nationalise British-owned tea, coffee, cashew and other plantations?

The party which won 59 seats in the 126-member Assembly was tonight assured of the support of five of the six independents elected.

France Plans Stronger Pacific Fleet

Sydney, Mar. 20.

The French Navy will strengthen its Pacific fleet with a squadron of four light warships, it was announced today.

The French Navy Minister, M. Paul Anjalou, said the new ships, equipped with anti-submarine and anti-aircraft armament, would be based permanently at New Caledonia.

The first of the 2,000-ton ships now being built in French shipyards should reach Australia next January, he said.

M. Anjalou made his way to Tokyo after a two-day inspection of the French base at New Caledonia.—United Press.

BRITISH EXPORTS GO UP

London, Mar. 20.

The British Board of Trade announced today that the commodity pattern of British imports in February was much closer to normal than in any month since last October, the beginning of the Suez crisis.

Imports last month totalled £320,900,000, £56 million sterling below the January level—while exports rose to £278,200,000—over £17 million sterling more than in January.

Last month oil imports increased, being heavier from the Middle East, especially Kuwait, in addition to the extra supplies from the Western Hemisphere.

The announcement said: "The latest figures are welcome evidence that availability of shipping has not continued to depress the level of exports."

The monthly value of exports in the last four months, £271 million, was six and a half per cent more than in the corresponding period a year ago.

More Ships

British exports of ships and boats have been outstanding in the last 12 months, the Board of Trade also announced.

In the four months ending in February, they amounted to a monthly average of £8,500,000, compared with £4,700,000 in the corresponding period a year ago.

Ships and boats thus accounted for nearly three quarters of the total increase in engineering exports, which, at £105 million a month, were nearly ½ per cent more than a year earlier.—Reuter & China Mail Special.

Saud Wants Oil Company In Arabia

London, Mar. 20.

Saudi Arabia has asked the American petroleum group "Aramco" to establish fiscal headquarters in the country and thus virtually become a national company, informed sources said today.

Saudi Arabia also asked Aramco for \$85 million in tax arrears accumulated before 1953.

The director-general of oil wells and mines, Abdullah Turki, has officially stated that despite the "fifty-fifty" profit-sharing agreement between Saudi Arabia and Aramco, Saudi Arabia is receiving less than 50 per cent of the profits, the sources said.—France-Press.

And it is reported that for the time in India, the party will form a ministry of a different political complexion from the central and other state governments.

The Congress Party has won 42 seats, the Praja-Socialist nine and the Muslim League eight, leaving two seats to be filled.

Political observers say the Communists may try to make the state a showpiece for communism.

Conflicting

The Communist programme in Kerala, according to the election manifesto, includes the nationalisation of British-owned tea, coffee, cashew and other plantations and of foreign capital in other industries such as coal.

Mr. A. K. Gopalan, leader of the Communist Party of the People of the Central Parliament, who was elected from Kerala, said on Sunday this would be carried out.

But Mr. M. N. Govindan Nair, one of the Kerala's Communist leaders, said at a Delhi press conference on the same day the party would act in accordance with the Indian constitution and he was not sure that nationalisation was within the competence of State governments.

Other features of the Communist manifesto include a demand for an immediate 25 per cent increase in all workers' basic minimum wages.

Finance Problem

The ruling Congress Party's high command is already considering the problem of how the Central Government can work with the Communist Government in Kerala.

The usually well-informed political columnist of the pro-Congress Hindustan Times said this week that since Kerala had to lean heavily on the Central Government for finance, "any wild scheme of nationalisation would not obviously be launched by the Communists without consulting the financial resources needed for meeting the obligations of compensation laid down in the constitution."

"The Congress government at the centre will perhaps let the Communists overreach themselves before it thinks of intervening in the affairs of Kerala,"—Reuter.

Japan Sends Condolences To Philippines

Tokyo, Mar. 20.

Japanese Emperor Hirohito sent a telegram of condolence to the Philippines on the late President Ramon Magway's death.

The Japanese Diet passed a resolution expressing deep sympathy and condolence at today's plenary session.

The Diet also approved the appointment of Liberal Democratic Party member Hiroshi Ashida to attend the Philippine national funeral service as Japanese special envoy.—Reuter.

SOUTH KOREAN NAVY UNITS ON TOUR

Seoul, Mar. 20.

The South Korean Navy headquarters announced today a fleet of three Korean Navy frigates will sail from Chinhae naval base on April 23 on a six-week goodwill and training cruise to the Southeast Asian region.

The headquarters said the fleet will take aboard 100 graduating naval cadets from the Naval Academy on an orientation tour, and training ships will call at Formosa, Saigon, Manila and Bangkok.—Reuter.

Crisis In West Pakistan

President Suspends Constitution

Karachi, Mar. 21.

The President of Pakistan, Major-General Iskander Mirza, early today took over the Government of West Pakistan province following a sudden crisis in the provincial assembly.

An official statement issued in Karachi declared that the President had "in exercise of the powers" conferred by the Constitution assumed "all functions of the Government of the Province."

The announcement came without warning in the early hours of the morning after the West Pakistan provincial assembly had adjourned last night with the fate of Doctor Khan Sahib's Republican Party Government hanging in the balance. The Opposition was claiming a majority in the House after a number of Republicans had crossed the floor of the House during the day.

Censure Motion

The Leader of the Opposition, Sardar Bahadur Khan (Muslim League), had tried to move a censure motion against the Government but the speaker did not allow a vote.

The crisis has arisen over the Opposition's demand that West Pakistan be divided into six provinces again as it was before the Central Government formed them into one unit.

The Opposition says the one unit has failed as a working proposition.

Last night Dr. Khan Sahib, West Pakistan Chief Minister, said he would not hesitate to advise the Provincial Governor to dissolve the House and order new elections, but he added he did not think this would become necessary.

The Provision

Then, later, President Mirza suspended the constitution and took over the Government of the 310,250-square mile province. West Pakistan comprises the former provinces of Baluchistan, North-West Frontier, Punjab, Sind, Khajpur and Bahawalpur.

Article 123 of the Constitution, under which the President made (in part): "If the President on receipt of a report from the Governor of a province is satisfied that a situation has arisen in which the Government of the province cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the President may by proclamation assume to himself, all or any of the functions of the Government of the province..."

Several prominent members of the present provincial Muslim League opposition were members of the Muslim League Central Government which brought the one-unit administration into being in West Pakistan.

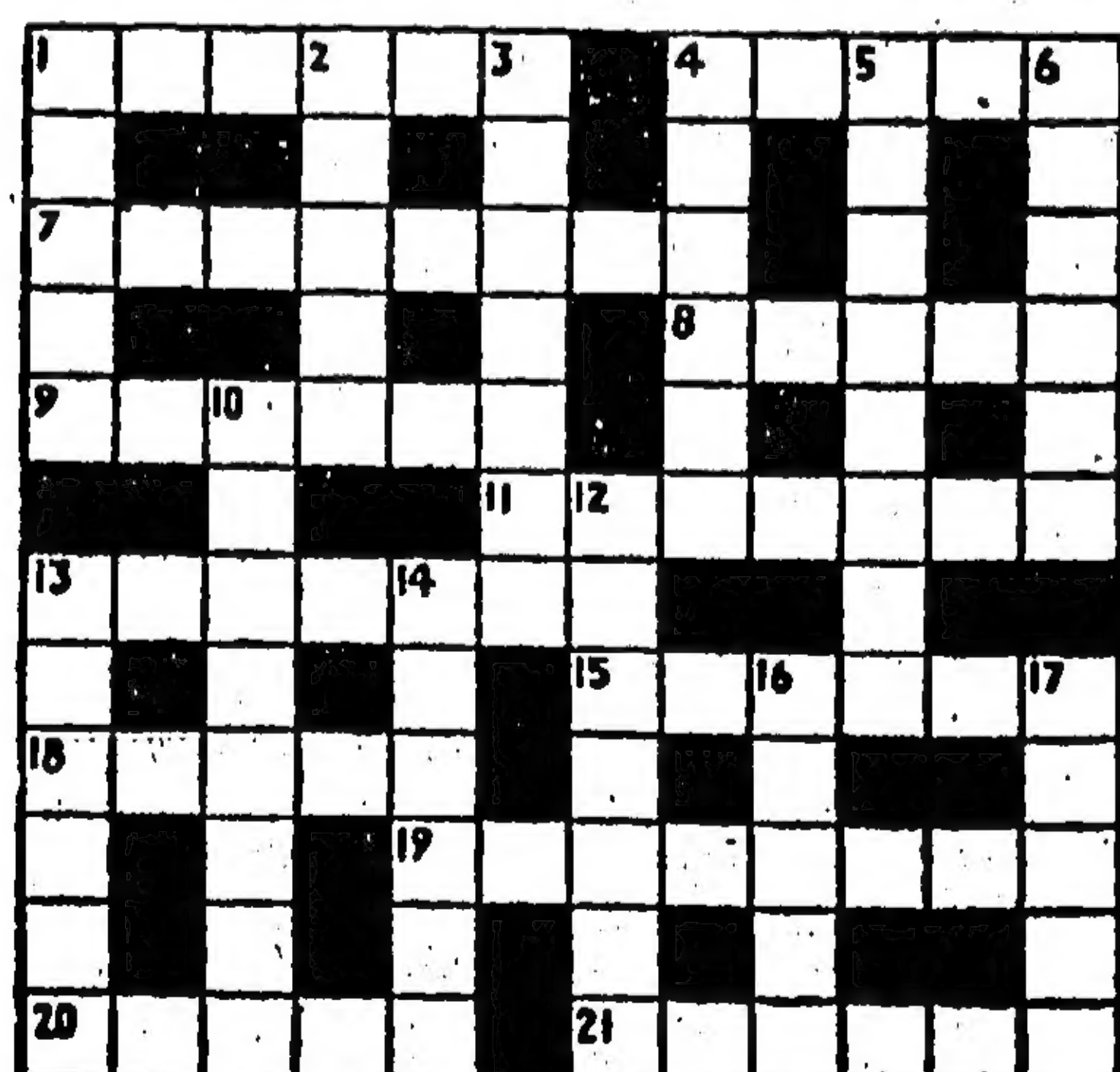
'Scheme Failed'

During the current budget debate Muslim League members supported by the left-wing national party have been claiming that the one-unit scheme has failed as a working proposition. They claimed the old administration should be resumed. A large proportion of the Khan Sahib's party in the Provincial Assembly is composed of old Muslim League men who crossed the floor when the Khan Sahib's Party gained a majority of one in the Assembly in May last year.—Reuter.

On Tour

Santiago, Chile, Mar. 20. The Chilean Foreign Minister, Senor Orlando Santibañez, left here by air tonight for Tokyo on an official visit. He is travelling by way of the United States and will also visit India, Jordan, Turkey, Israel, France, West Germany, Italy and Spain.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle.



ACROSS
1 Fills with padding (6).
4 Presents (6).
7 Opening (8).
8 Rage (6).
9 Special aptitude (6).
11 More but perhaps but precious (7).
18 Gourmet (7).
19 Endured (6).
20 Paces (6).
21 Lively (6).
22 Crest (6).
23 Avaricious (6).

DOWN
1 Begin to make a movement of surprise (5).
2 Compel (6).
3 Speak imperfectly (7).
4 Eminent (6).
5 Sweet-smelling (8).
6 Frightened (6).
10 Hung around (8).
12 Thawing (7).
13 Church festival (6).
14 Insecure (6).
15 Condition (6).
17 In need of cleaning (5).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Agree, 4 Propose, 5 Free, 9 Call (love), 10 Spectre, 11 Ante, 12 Epic, 14 Sausage, 17 Aster, 19 Alone, 22 Laments, 20 Aged, 27 Rest, 28 Keen, 29 Hate, 30 Elan, 31 Amulet, 32 Tied, Down: 1 Grapes, 3 Office, 4 Paces, 5 Repeat, 6 Picks, 7 Spring, 12 Earl, 13 Item, 15 Age, 16 Rime, 18 Street, 20 Lament, 21 Needle, 22 Abeam, 23 Exile, 25 Bell.


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NEW YORK

Man with a cough on his mind

IS President Eisenhower a sick man? Many Americans think he is. During the past few days American newspapers have been printing clinical and almost brutal comments about his appearance.

President Eisenhower has had a cough for the past six weeks and he is very conscious of it. When he broadcast on the Middle East crisis a few days ago he said: "You will excuse me if I cough."

Actually during the broadcast he did not cough, but the cough is on his mind. We are told in New York that people who have had heart attacks often have a deep lung cough.

President Eisenhower is very sensitive. He has recovered from a severe heart attack and operation within eighteen months. My view is that people are gunning for him.

I saw him recently and I thought he looked well and fit. He has lost weight; he has gone bald; but all the old energy is still there.

The latest trouble is that he has an inflamed ear and a cold. All of us can have minor ailments of this sort.

Politics is a desperate and often ruthless business and the Democrats, the opposition party, are doing everything they can

to present a picture to the American public of a tired, sick, old man in the White House who should step down and retire.

His mistake

ONE of Eisenhower's mistakes is to seclude himself. It is a tradition for Presidents of America to attend a dinner called The Gridiron given by the Washington White House correspondents.

Franklin Roosevelt attended them all. Harry Truman attended them all. Last Saturday Eisenhower didn't appear, and by a strange chance the Duke of Windsor, who had been invited and was happily sitting at an obscure table, was suddenly called upon to take Eisenhower's place on the dais.

The Duke came through magnificently and a most unusual thing happened at the dinner.

When it was announced that he was present the entire gathering of Supreme Court Justices, Cabinet Ministers, leading Senators, and America's most distinguished newspapermen got to their feet and cheered and applauded.

I think that this night at The Gridiron was the Duke's happiest for many years.

But what was the lonely man in the White House thinking? And what were the journalists at the Gridiron Club saying? They were saying: Is he ill? Why does he not attend one of the most important functions of the year?

And what are the public saying? This is harsh to write but it must be told.

Eisenhower has spent fewer days at the White House, which is the No. 10, Downing Street of America, than any of his predecessors.

He does not think he is a lazy man, but some compulsion has him going to Georgia for golf almost every other week-end.

He has almost stopped seeing people. There was a time when he used to hold conferences at breakfast, lunch, and dinner with people important to America's domestic and foreign policy.

But lately he has gone into an ivory tower. He has his meals alone or with Mamie, his devoted wife, who is his chief adviser.

More remote

MORE and more responsibility is being given to Vice-President Richard Nixon. He appears at the functions. He is playing the grand role in Africa.

The great general, who was a great President during his first four-year term, has become more remote than even Woodrow Wilson.

It could be that Eisenhower, well aware of the heart attack and the internal operation, is trying to conserve his strength.

We all cling desperately to living, and Eisenhower, a very human man, probably thinks similarly. Anyway, the truth is that he gets up later, swims in the afternoon with a modest breast stroke, then has a nap, and usually goes to bed between ten and eleven.

He knows

EISENHOWER is fully aware of the reports and rumors about his health. Everyone knows that he should go to a warm climate to clear up the cough and bring back the colour to his cheeks, but as there has been so much criticism about his frequent absences from

TIP-TOES



"Brother, when I kip out of Europe you won't see my feet for dust."

THE WORLD of the UNDERCOVER BANK ACCOUNTS

IN the discreet and unostentatious front office of Geneva's Banque Privée one day last week I watched a middle-aged Oriental stroll up to the brass-railed counter and furtively scribble a number on a slip of paper.

The clerk glanced down at the slip. In a matter of seconds he had ushered the man—an Egyptian by the look of him—into a private office.

He did not ask his name. He did not inquire whom his client wanted to see. The number on the slip of paper was enough.

To my Geneva friend who had taken me to the bank this scene was routine, something that you could see any day any time (during office hours) in one of the many private banks tucked away in the busy streets of Geneva, Basle, or Zurich.

But to me it was as fascinating as a peep into the secret files of the Kremlin.

For the Egyptian, as shown by his behaviour and that of the clerk, was a member of Europe's newest, most important and probably most influential secret club, to find out about whose activities I had specially travelled to Geneva.

SECRET...

THE Egyptian whom I had been watching was one of the tens of thousands of wealthy foreigners who in the last four or five years have brought about a revolution in the financial structure of Europe and established, without necessarily meaning to do so, a big new Swiss industrial and financial empire.

By removing their money from their own countries and placing it here in Swiss banks they have been giving to a small oligarchy of Swiss bankers control of millions of dollars they never dreamed of and a power in the world out of all proportion to the size of this tiny mountain State and its 4,500,000 thrifty inhabitants.

What makes it almost sinister is that the majority of these foreigners—crowned heads are among them—have, like the Egyptian, placed their money in the banks not under their own names but under cover of secret code numbers.

These numbers hide their identity even from the staffs of the Swiss banks and make it quite impossible for any Treasury snooper from their own countries to find out where they have put the money.

ASSET

TRYING to find out what is being done with the money in these numbered accounts or how much there is, is as difficult as getting atomic secrets out of the Pentagon.

For, next to the integrity of their currency, the freedom from transfer restrictions and their own financial soundness, the great asset of these Swiss bankers is their secrecy.

This secrecy they protect with severe laws. They have even gone to the lengths of making it illegal for banks to accept any

the White House. He is stubbornly refusing to go to Arizona as his doctors advise.

I wish I could give a clear-cut report about the President's health. Frankly I do not know how strong he is and I do not think his six doctors know.

The health or lack of it of the President of the United States is the greatest enigma today. All we can do is wish this man well.

Intelligence Report

SPECIAL INQUIRY

by SEFTON DELMER

I report from this super-exclusive club which is shifting the emphasis of authority in Europe

to pay money into an account merely as a ruse for finding out whether the bank holds an account for a certain person. I myself was warned that if I continued to ask too many awkward questions I might find myself in trouble with the



WHEN the pale-faced hero of a romantic novel has a cough that he is really suffering from consumption. Novel readers, like romantic authors, make an algebraic equation of Cough—T.B.

In fact, the majority of those suffering from tuberculosis have no cough at all. And very few people who cough have, in fact, anything as serious as tuberculosis.

Pale-faced Mr Jackson was relieved to hear this. All he needed was reassuring. He came into my consulting rooms like a dying Kents and went out like a Napoleon on the trail of Josephine.

"I've had this cough," he said, "ever since I caught a cold over a month ago."

He informed me that his cold had not been quite the usual kind.

Apparently he'd had a temperature at the time and felt much "rougher" than he usually did when nursing a cold.

"I'd say that it was influenza, except that I know that influenza is generally not a diagnosis but a term that popularly covers a number of allied conditions," he said.

A common condition when the "cold" settles on the chest is sometimes wrongly described as flu.

It descends

Other doctors more accurately name it "an atypical pneumonia" or, better still, "a descending respiratory infection."

ALL IN A DOCTOR'S DAY by CEDRIC CARNE

NOT THE COUGH TO CARRY YOU OFF

descends down the tubes to settle in a patch on the lung.

This patch clears up on its own without any treatment (apart from bed rest), but the cough persists some time after the cold has gone.

"That's what happened in your case, as in thousands of others," I explained. "There is no question of T.B."

The colour returned to Mr Jackson's cheeks. (He was beginning to resemble Napoleon.) Even so, apparently before his present cold he tended to have a morning cough.

It seems to me that almost half the adults in Britain, living in a climate which is as damp as a nervous handshake, complain of having a cough in the morning.

It is our National Complaint and the price of our weather.

There are other factors, however, instrumental in its production.

Most important is tobacco.

"Smoker's cough, you mean?" Mr Jackson said.

"Exactly."

Too wide

On the other hand a morning cough may be due to the fact that the breathing tubes in certain parts of the lung are too wide.

When this is the case the catarrh tends to settle, and collect in them, and it is only in the morning, when the posture is changed, that the catarrh is caught up.

But from examination I was certain that Mr Jackson did not suffer from bronchiectasis, as doctors call this condition. When I told him his tubes were

clear he looked more like Napoleon than Napoleon.

Of course, he wanted to know why he was inclined to be cheery while the only time his wife coughed was as a signal to tell him he was talking too much in company.

"It's just a matter of constitution," I said. "It runs in families."

"Childhood pneumonia and whooping cough can lead to chestiness later on."

"And the curious thing is that those who are particularly dependent on smoking are just the people who often are constitutionally cheery."

"So I should try to cut your smoking down," I said.

Valueless?

"Meantime," Mr Jackson asked, "could you prescribe a cough mixture, doctor? Something to loosen the cough?"

Many patients seem happier if they take a cough-loosening mixture—the more evil-tasting it is the more they believe it does them good.

I tried to explain to Mr Jackson that most mixtures prescribed to loosen coughs are probably valueless. At least, there is no scientific evidence they do good.

While lung specialists are sceptical of these value, general practitioners often feel otherwise. In my view the beneficial effect of hot drinks in loosening bronchial catarrh is more valuable than many an evil-tasting cough mixture.

"All the same," Mr Jackson said, "I'd like you to prescribe me a mixture in case it does me good."

When I hesitated he added: "I'll drink it piping hot." Then he had to rush off to catch his train at Waterloo.



PETER
Money he can't get

LEOPOLD
Money for the Congo

NASSER
Money for arms deals

AND WHO ELSE?

Federal police, accused of economic espionage, capable of fitting in well with existing Swiss concerns.

Here is what I have found: a conservative estimate given to me by one of the country's foremost private bankers is that Switzerland's leading private banks, 14 in number, hold between them some £4,000 million in secret deposits. And this does not include the probably even greater amount of money held by the three big banking corporations.

Something like £10,000,000, my friend estimates, of the money deposited with the private banks in numbered accounts is money, whose unknown owners have disappeared.

At any rate they have given no sign of life for many years now, and it is being assumed that they have probably been killed in some civil upheaval.

King Alexander of Yugoslavia, for instance, is believed to have held money in a secret numbered account in a Swiss bank when he was assassinated. But young King Peter, though he has tried to find his money, does not know the number of the account or the bank. He has never been able to touch it.

King Alexander's money, and the rest of the £10,000,000, if that is indeed the figure, goes on earning and multiplying for the Swiss banks until it is claimed by its owners, if ever.

FAROUK

A MONG living crowned heads with large sums deposited in Switzerland are King Leopold of the Belgians and King Farouk.

Leopold does a great deal of business particularly in the Belgian Congo, through the Geneva private bank of Ferrier and Lullin, whose directors' acquaintance he made while in exile near Lausanne.

Farouk has large deposits in Switzerland and until recently, I learn, was still receiving substantial royalties from Egyptian companies in a numbered account here without Nasser being aware of it.

Some of Nasser's own relatives, as well as officers of his Revolutionary Council who have been taking substantial commissions on the arms they have been ordering through Swiss agents, also have deposits in numbered accounts in Zurich.

Control of the money in these private banks is in the hands of the directors and boards of these banks, numbering fewer than a hundred.

It gives them tremendous power. One use that they have already made of it is to acquire control of French and German factories making the specially small ball-bearings used in the production of guided missiles and join them up with Swiss ball-bearing concerns, especially those situated in Elancourt.

In the same way the Swiss have been acquiring control of German electronic, automotive, and machine-tool industries.

They smuggle money out to Switzerland, deposit it here in a numbered account. Then they get the Swiss bank to deposit the money in New York in the Swiss bank's own name.

But even this is not the end. The French then get the Swiss bank to order the American bank to lend dollars to the original French firm.

And the French firm to whom the money belongs in the first place can then charge the interest it is paying on its own money in America to itself against taxes while in fact it is drawing that interest itself in the Swiss account.

Complicated, but most enjoyable to the French industrial mind.

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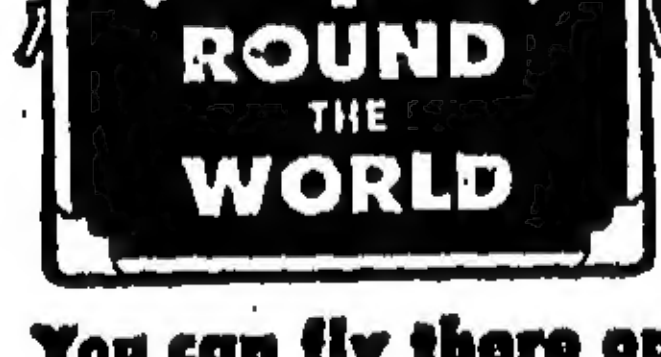
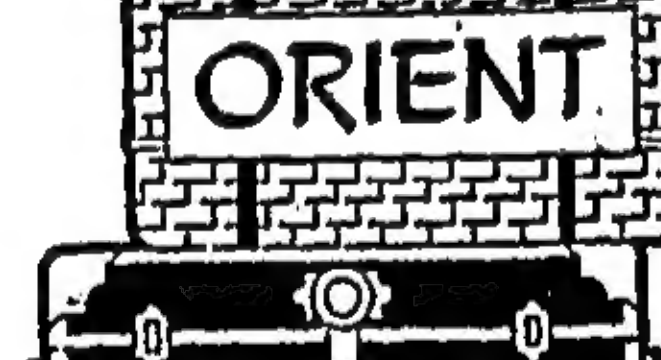
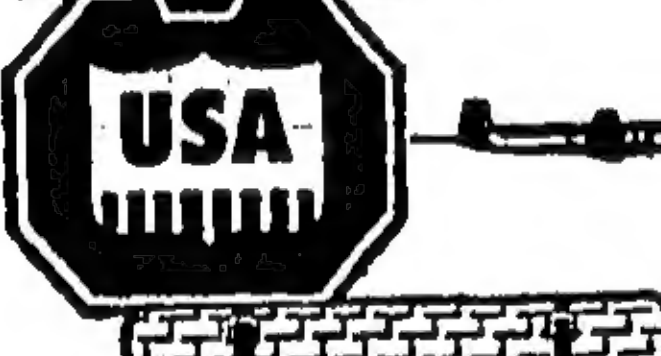
BUT of all the many and peculiar deals financed by the secret club of the numbered account holders, the most extraordinary are those financing the arms traffic with the Middle East and South America. Of these I shall tell you in my next report.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Yes, the President's dead right—it's certainly high time those Limeys realised they can no longer ride roughshod over the Afro-Asian Block."

Wherever you're going...

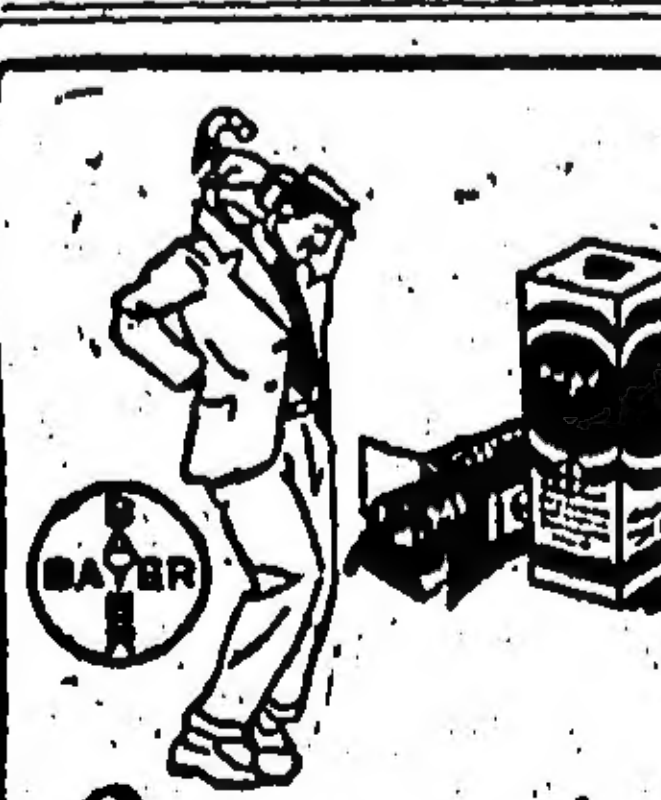


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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

BORN on this first day of the month, you are a pioneer, fighter and leader of men. You are motivated by ambition and are ruled by Mars, the god of war and physical energy. You find it difficult to give in to others, and your opinions must prevail if you are to go along with the group. Fortunately, your ideas are sound and usually you will find that it is easy to influence people to go along with you.

You are high-spirited and high-tempered as well. Learn to control your temper if you are to control others as you might wish. You must first learn to master yourself if you are to become a master of others, sociologically or in fact.

Since you seem to invite the censures of others, you are always giving help to those who have problems they find difficult to solve themselves. Just see that your line is not too much taken up that you do not have time enough to solve your own problems.

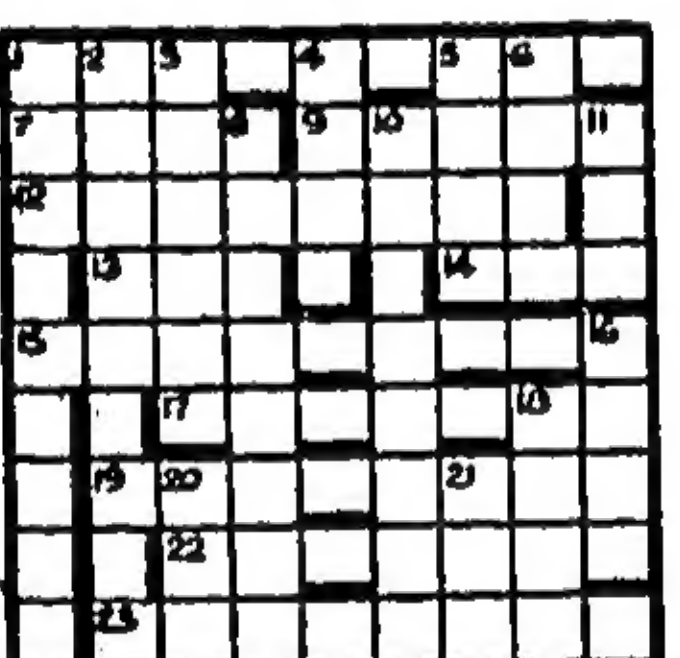
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Duplicate Game Differs In Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

IN rubber bridge the defence concentrates on setting the contract and declarer on making it. The same applies in duplicate but to a lesser extent. In this game an overtrick picked up or saved may turn out to be just as important as the contract trick. Today's hand illustrates this principle.

West opened the five of spades and East's queen fell to declarer's king. The ten of diamonds was led to dummy's queen and a heart played from dummy.

East went right up with the ace and led the six of spades. South played the nine and West won with the ten.

West went into conference with himself. Declarer had to have the spades stopped. If East had started with four spades he

NORTH (D)		2F
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♦	♠	KQ9802
♣	♠	K104
WEST		EAST
♠	♠	A10852
♦	♦	9732
♣	♣	J4
♠	♠	Q63
♦	♦	AJ10
♣	♣	73
♠	♠	Q9803
♦	♦	A75
♣	♣	Neither side vulnerable
♠	♠	North East South West
♦	♦	Pass Pass N.T. Pass
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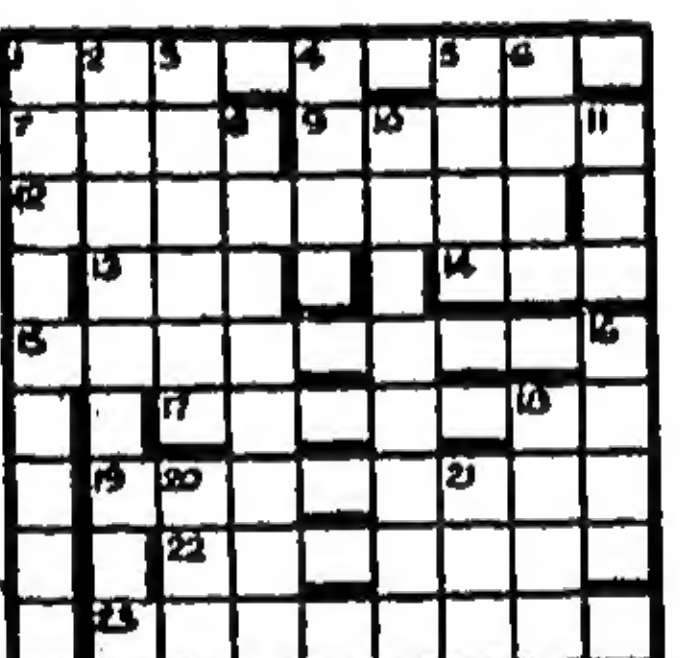
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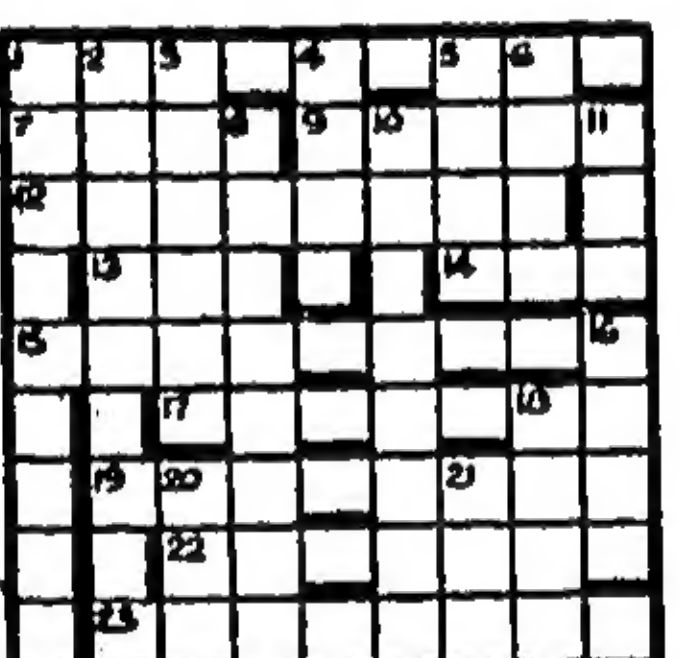
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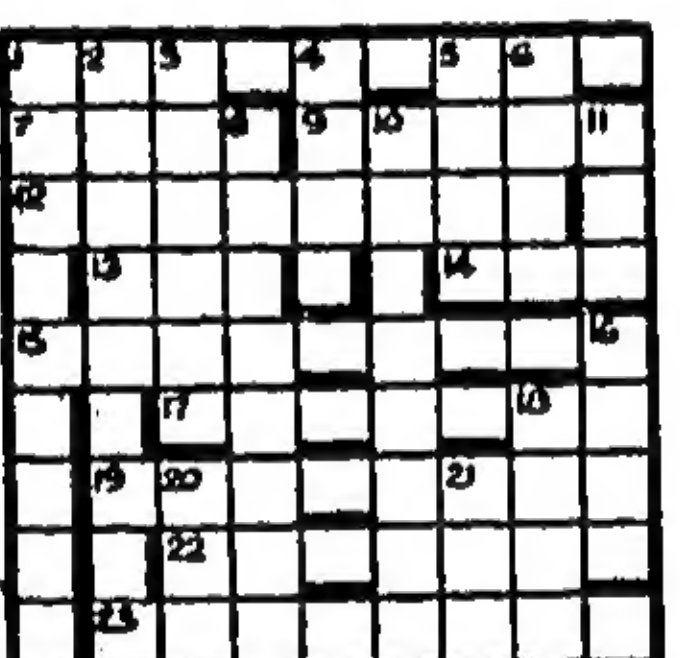
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COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

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By "TOUCHWOOD"

Miss Ulian Khoo qualified for the Colony Ladies' Singles final with an easy 11-4, 11-5 win over Miss Diana Yung of the Sacred Heart School and will clash with the reigning Champion, Miss Helen Kwong, on Friday night at the Craigengower Cricket Club.

A nervous Diana Yung practically handed the game to Miss Khoo in last night's semi-final match for in both the two sets this lanky schoolgirl repeatedly hit out to lose set and match in double quick time.

Only last year Diana Yung showed the promise to become the next Hongkong Ladies' Singles Champion on her form in last year's Championships and she looked every inch a potential Number One Single player. It was disappointing to watch Diana Yung in action at the Indian Recreation Club last night against Miss Khoo. Probably it was because she is growing too fast.

She was short on her job shots, her backhand was weak and her smash which won her the 1955 Junior Singles crown—her first major title at the age of 13—lacked accuracy.

After her poor showing in the Singles event, however, she made amends in the Senior Ladies' Doubles when with Miss Chan Yuen-yue as partner she beat Miss M. Gonçalves and Mrs. O. Silva in straight sets, 15-5, 15-2, to enter the final.

The Misses Chan and Yung will meet Misses Helen Kwong and Ulian Khoo tonight for the title.

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Another pair to reach the final were Robert Tay and Rimon Young who eliminated George Ma and K. C. Wong, 15-10, 15-12 in a match that was fast and entertaining. With Tay in form, there was only one pair in the picture and that was Tay and Young who scored as they wished to win without much exertion.

Ulian Khoo and Helen Kwong were easy winners over Mrs. P. A. Hunter and Miss Dorothy Lam in the Senior Ladies' Doubles with the former combination winning set and match at 15-4, 15-8.

THE RESULTS
Following were the results of last night's games:

THE BATTLE AGAINST AVALANCHES

Conditions At Squaw Valley Are Not Dangerous

Squaw Valley, Calif., Mar. 20.

The U.S. Forest Service, in co-operation with the Army and Olympic Games officials, demonstrated war against the white death of snow avalanches here today, and when the firing ceased all agreed that the dangers of this type of disaster for the 1960 Winter Olympic events would be held to a minimum.

Montgomery Atwater, Forest Service avalanche expert, fired 11 shells from a .77 mm recoilless rifle into the slopes surrounding Squaw Valley Lodge and only small snowslides resulted.

SEMINOLE OPEN

Burkemo And Cooper Tie For First

Palm Beach, Florida, Mar. 20.

Walter Burkemo and Pata Cooper fired five under par 66s over the tough Seminole golf course today to split the honours and top money in the annual Seminole pro-amateur tournament.

The two hot rounds gave the veteran swingers a winning total of 139 for 28 holes, two strokes better than their more famous rivals, Sam Snead and Ben Hogan.

Snead could do no better than match the 6,001-yard course par of 72 after sharing the first-round lead with a 69. Hogan, the Fort Worth golf master, making one of his few tournament appearances of the year, rallied with a final-round 68.

The outcome was a repeat victory for Burkemo, the former PGA champion, who won last year with a 138.

\$1,400 EACH

Burkemo and Cooper each collected \$1,400 for their shot-making. And Burkemo got an extra \$500 from the pro-amateur competition and Pata Cooper topped the best-ball competition to collect \$875 each. Demaret teamed with a Palm Beach societte, T. Bedford Davis, a 12-handicap player, and Thompson paired with Thomas Pemberton, nine-handicap player, to post record best-ball cards of 121.

Both Demaret and Thompson finished with 142 totals in the pro division to tie for fifth place honours with five others, worth \$321.43 to each. Thompson also picked up another \$250 in the pro-amateur division.

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Six of the shots were fired into the 40-degree slopes of Mount Mt-22, site of the proposed Olympic giant slalom run. The shots were fired from a distance of 900 yards and only the sixth shot released a small snowslide.

However, Mr. Atwater pointed out, "Conditions at Squaw Valley are not dangerous, as far as avalanches are concerned." The other five shots were fired up to Squaw Peak and the blast left powder burps in the snow, but there was no slide.

DANGEROUS SLIDES
Squaw Valley has had some dangerous slides since the area was opened as a ski playground in 1950. Since that time two persons have lost their lives and twice the chairlift has been knocked out of action by avalanches.

It was because of this record that officials decided to do the testing today before an audience of about 40 persons, including newsmen, cameramen, Olympic officials, the regional ski patrol and members of the Forestry Service.

"We use these rifle shots, not to start an avalanche, as is commonly supposed, but rather to knock out the hazard before it can get started," said Mr. Atwater.

"However, I must point out that neither projectiles or any other defence is absolute. The avalanche is a natural force, equal in power to a tornado or an earthquake. And not predictable exactly as to time, place or violence." — United Press.

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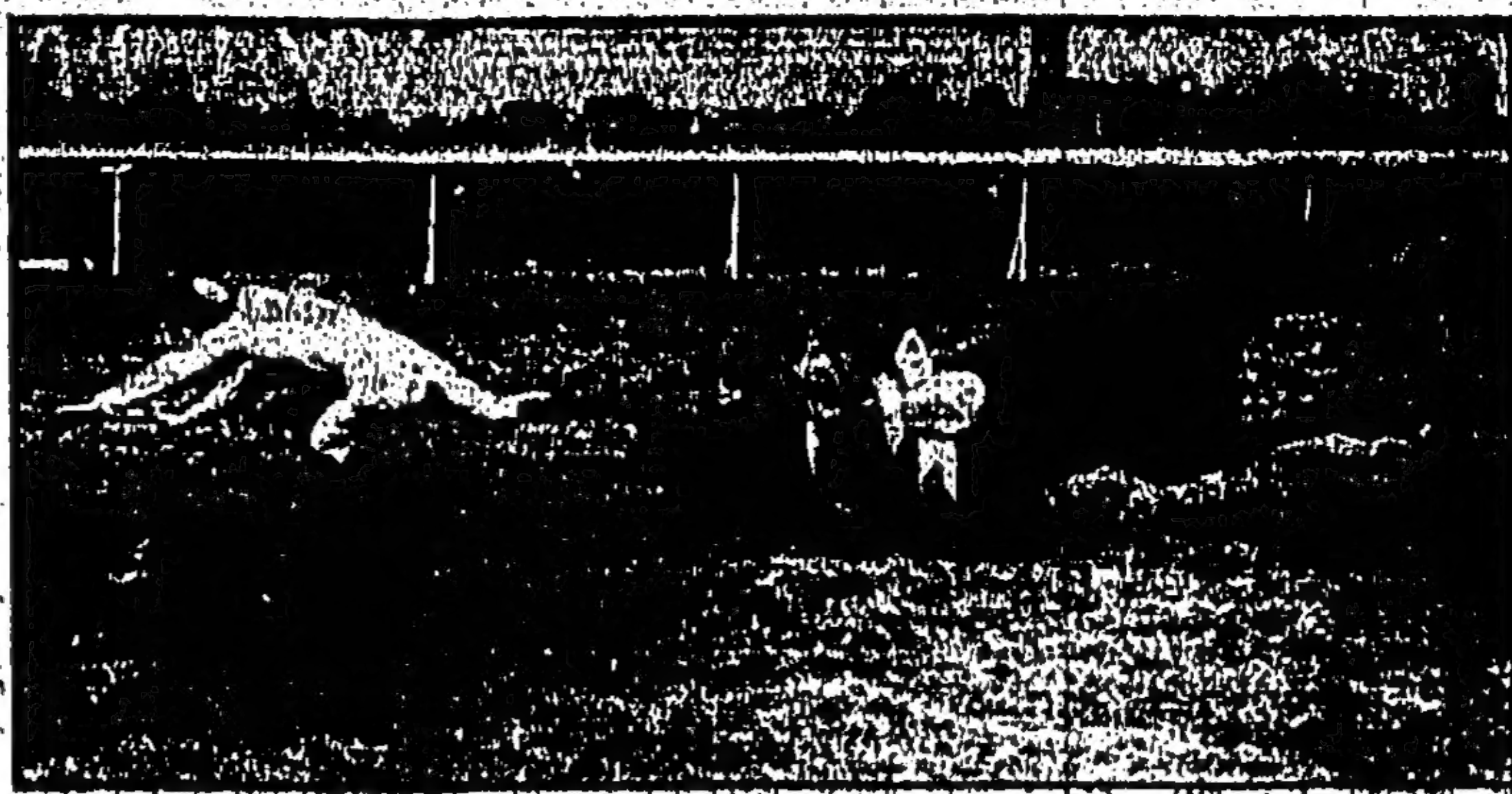
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NO CAUSE FOR CHEERING



Jockey T. Tanke outstrips his mount, Mr. J. T. Sheenan's Boys Hurrah, which fell at a fence in the Monaveen Park meeting on March 16.—Reuterphoto.

Latest To Join The "Will He? Won't He?" Queue Is Peter Waterman

By ARCHIE QUICK

If all the British boxing champions who have promised so much and achieved so little were laid end to end it would be too far. Latest to join the "Will he? Won't he?" queue is welterweight champion Peter Waterman.

The Clapham boy when he burst upon the scene was a fighter with lethal fists and a "killer" instinct. He was a "hungry" fighter then. Two bouts with ex-world champion Kid Gavilan provided him with plenty of money, but may have deprived him of something physically. That remains to be seen, but whether he has suffered some unconscious damage he has certainly not gone out from the first bell in his recent contests with the intention of finishing it quickly.

In his title fight with Frank Johnson at Birmingham he took a lot of punishment before he pulled himself together and forced his opponent to retire. We saw the same thing happen again at the Royal Albert Hall the other night against Jimmy Croft. The Scottish Champion was winning before Waterman got into his stride and ended the affair. In neither of these bouts was he anywhere as good as he was when he took the championship from Wally Thom in June last year.

Watching from ringside Frenchman Garcia follow up his lightweight victories over Lucy, Charnley and McCarthy by destroying Welshman Willie Lloyd. Waterman looked the West End man about town. Immaculately dressed he proved his remark that he likes good clothes and fast cars. But I seem to remember another grand prospect champion, Ron Barlow, making a similar remark not so long ago, and look where he is now. Retired into the shadows.

FOR BIG PURSES
The Waterman rise to the top has been meteoric. His fights with Gavilan, Thom, Dione, Johnson and Croft were for big purses. And I have a suspicion that a combination of influences has caused him to suffer. Waterman is considerably and partially destroyed his appetite for his profession. In all fairness it must be said that he has won his bouts, but there has been a lack of initial snap about them. He has had to be stung into action instead of stalking his prey in the old way.

If you ask most boxers if that be true they indignantly deny it, but Peter's handsome face lights up in a smile and he says quizzically: "Well, I am enjoying the life." He is not, however, making the suggested trip to Australia yet awhile. He wants the European title first, and maybe a tilt at the world crown. If he gets "mean" again both are within his scope.

Twice in one week a First Division manager has advanced the argument that players cannot be expected to adapt themselves to conditions. The matter was first brought up by Mr. Jim Anderson, of Tottenham, who said that the Spurs had a set policy of playing to Australia yet awhile. He wanted the European title first, and maybe a tilt at the world crown. If he gets "mean" again both are within his scope.

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Mr. Eddie Lever, of Portsmouth, agreed with him. "I tell them to do such and such a thing," he said, "and then along comes rain and I have to ask."

One who disagreed with them was Portsmouth secretary George Mulcock. "If you pay a craftsman top wages," he contended, "you expect the best work from him under any conditions. A man who had served his apprenticeship should be able to turn his hand to any side of his trade—in the case of first class footballers wet or dry grounds, the short passing game or the long ball."

He can only point to John Charles as a glowing example of a man who can operate in any conditions—in mud or on top of the ground. That is the stamp of a great player.

RELEGATION MATCH
Two strange happenings in the vital relegation match between Portsmouth and Luton which was drawn 2-2. First of last year's Cup Final referee Alf Bond allowed Portsmouth's young goalkeeper, Barnett, to play through this floodlight game in a yellow jersey—a colour which is reserved for internationals and not among the League's specified colours of red, green, blue and white. He did not notice the convention of rule until I pointed it out to him.

Relegation may hang on the other incident. Late in the game Jackie Henderson banged in what seemed to be the winner for Pompey. The home players were jubilant, but after a brief space Luton goalkeeper Ron Boyham protested that the ball had gone through a hole in the side netting. The referee, who had awarded a goal, found the staples holding the net to the upright had been ripped out, presumably by the force of the shot. He consulted a linesman who had examined and found the net in order at the start of the match and then disallowed the goal. "On the evidence I could do nothing else," he said.

The Portsmouth players said it was a goal, and at least did one Luton player and a Luton director. No one could really tell, but referee Bond had to give the benefit of the doubt to the defenders. It will be bad luck though if the loss of that point sends Portsmouth to the Second Division after thirty years.

A significant overseas item in the "FA Monthly News" journal is that clubs in East Germany have been ordered to forego the services of 30 of their best players for at least three months in preparation for the 1958 World Cup competition in Stockholm. It is difficult to imagine the reaction of Football League clubs in England being asked by the Football

Association to make the same sacrifice. The clubs are the backbone of the country's soccer—and national prestige comes after that! Nationally minded Italy is to inaugurate a "Football University" in Florence at a cost of £800,000 and the money is to come from the Pools and the Olympic Committee. Could there be a greater contrast of interests than Pools and the amateur flame that is supposed to burn for the Olympiad? To prevent the importation of foreign stars Italy hopes this University will supply home-born players for the national side—and the youngest students are being caught as early as twelve years of age.

Italy, by the way, has had so far an aggregate weekly attendance of 4,654,447 for its League games—an increase of nearly a million on the previous season. Russia is now claiming that she invented football. Seven hundred years ago, too. The suggestion is that it was called "Lelion" and was played fifteen miles with a combination of Rugby and Association rules.

DIFFERENT GROUP
Sport and politics intermingled in Turkey's request to be transferred to a different group in the World Cup competition. Politically, she objects to playing against Red China and Israel. There is at least one remote French village which is football minded. Cornethan, near Beziers, has a population of only 800 inhabitants, but no fully qualified French FA referees. France, by the way, may follow the example of the Football League of England and decide against Christmas games. Not on religious grounds—simply because of poor attendances.

I see that the Belgian International centre forward, Rikky Coppens, with many "caps" to his name has been suspended by his Eerste klasse club because he criticized its directors. He will never again be able to captain the side. That has happened in England before now—but not officially!

I like the story from Seville that a player came on to the field wearing boxing gloves. Three times the referee asked him to take them off and he refused. Then the referee sent him off, and his ten teammates followed him. The local association declared the team the losers of the match, but the Spanish FA have decided to the contrary, because they say there is no rule which prohibits boxing gloves being worn. The game is to be replayed.

BADMINTON

ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

London, Mar. 20.
The All-England Badminton Championships opened at Wembley today. The results were:

Men's Singles—First Round

P. Granlund (Denmark) beat M. W. Halborn 15-11, 15-2.
P. Ferguson (Canada) beat I. P. Gill (India) 15-5, 15-4.
J. C. Alston (USA) beat M. B. Rawlings (Britain) 15-0, 15-0.
E. Kops (Denmark) beat M. Robinson (Britain) 15-0, 15-0.
B. Holst-Christensen (Denmark) beat R. A. Rogers (Britain) 15-5, 15-11.

Oon Choong-leek (Malaya) beat R. McNell (Britain) 15-1, 15-10.

Men's Singles—Second Round

Oon Choong-leek (Malaya) beat K. A. Beilsen (Denmark) 15-2, 15-4.
E. Kops (Denmark) beat F. Sonnevillo (Indonesia) 5-15, 15-11, 15-11.

J. Koberger (Denmark) beat J. D. McColl (Britain) 15-2, 15-8.
F. McTaggart (Canada) beat M. Tranter (Britain) 15-1, 15-3.

O. Metz (Denmark) beat K. Q. Sisk (Britain) 15-2, 15-8.
J. C. Alston (USA) beat R. Widdington (Britain) 15-0, 15-4.

P. Granlund (Denmark) beat B. Holst-Christensen (Denmark) 4-15, 15-8, 15-6.
P. Ferguson (Canada) beat C. E. Lawrence 15-7, 15-2.

F. Koberger (Denmark) beat C. F. Clinigilo 15-0, 15-7.

Women's Singles—First Round

Mrs. S. Kapadia (India) beat Miss T. Feenstrup (Denmark) 11-4, 11-3.
Miss M. Shedd (Canada) beat Mrs. Athavale (India) 11-0, 11-3.
P. Petersen (Denmark) beat P. Warner 11-3, 6-11, 11-5.

Mrs. P. Prashar (India) beat Miss A. J. Stone (Britain) 9-12, 11-7.
Miss A. Jacobson (Denmark) beat Miss M. E. Goyett (Britain) 11-7, 11-1.

Miss M. Varner (USA) (title holder) beat Mrs. S. Holborn (Britain) 11-1, 11-0.

Miss M. H. Ward (Britain) beat Mrs. M. Lotwalla (India) 11-4, 11-3.
Miss J. Devlin (USA) beat Miss A. M. Marshall (Britain) 11-1, 11-5.

Miss J. C. Alston (USA) beat Miss B. J. Carpenter (Britain) 11-3, 11-1.

Mrs. W. C. E. Rogers (Britain) beat Miss H. C. Parfitt (Britain) 11-2, 11-0.

Mrs. T. Ahm (Denmark) beat Miss P. A. Lawrence (Britain) 11-0, 11-5.

Mrs. E. J. Timperley (Britain) beat Miss S. Devlin (USA) 11-3, 11-0.

Women's Singles—Second Round

Miss M. Varner (USA) beat Mrs. J. R. Whelpling (Britain) 11-2, 11-0.
Miss J. C. Alston (USA) beat Miss M. H. Ward (Britain) 8-11, 11-9, 12-10.
Miss A. Jacobson (Denmark) beat Mrs. P. Prashar (India) 11-2, 11-1.

Mrs. W. C. E. Rogers beat Mrs. S. Kapadia (India) 11-1, 11-7.
Miss J. Devlin (USA) beat Miss J. Ripley (Britain) 11-3, 11-7.

Mrs. T. Ahm (Denmark) beat Mrs. E. J. Timperley (Britain) 12-10, 11-0.

Miss M. Shedd (Canada) beat Miss S. M. Ryder (Britain) 8-11, 11-0, 11-3.—France-Press.

Angela Buxton May Retire From Tennis

London, Mar. 20.
Britain's number one women tennis player, Angela Buxton, said today she would decide whether or not to abandon competitive tennis after completing a special diet.

Miss Buxton suffered from pain in her right arm during her recent tour of Colombia, Panama and Florida. She returned to London today.

Angela Buxton was defeated in the final of the Wimbledon Women's Singles last year. She was then given a special diet to help her lose weight. She is now 115 lbs. and aims to lose 10 lbs. by the end of the year.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Basketball: South East Asia Basketball Tournament: Formosa v Thailand Chinese at Caroline Hill, 8 p.m.
Colony Senior Bad

THE CUP FINAL

I Say Birmingham Can Stop The Wonderful Busby Machine

Says ALAN HOBY

Already, in the minds of millions of football fans, the Cup Final this year is a mere formality—with Manchester United certain winners. But I don't agree. I say there is a team which can stop the wonderful Busby machine. . . . BIRMINGHAM.

I know that Birmingham had several fat slices of luck against Nottingham Forest—but every team needs luck in the Cup.

I also know that manager Matt Busby has reserve strength at Old Trafford equal to two first teams—as well as the finest young wing halves I have seen for years in Duncan Edwards and Eddie Colman.

But here's a significant fact. The team of iron men from the Midlands have taken three League points from United this season.

The dead-sure Manchester fans are convinced, of course, that on Saturday, May 4, amid all the pomp and pageantry of Wembley, the Cup will be handed over to that resolute young captain Roger Byrne and that the din of applause for the top team of our times will be as deafening as it is deserved.

That is the cosy picture. Roses, roses all the way for Manchester as they surge towards the most dazzling treble in soccer history.

ALL IN ONE

But I want the conquerors of Bilbao and Bournemouth that they are going to have a devil of a fight to achieve their dream of Cup, League and European Cup all in one season.

To understand why you've got to go to the Midlands. You've got to see the place, not only the cobblestones, smoke and forests of factory stacks in and around Birmingham itself,

but also THE PEOPLE. There you'll meet a lot of blunt, no-nonsense types—shrewd citizens who, whether at work or play, go flat out and the devil take the hindmost.

And that, within the rules, is how battling Brum play their football—the red-blooded way, fighting for every ball and going into the tackle like snapping crocodiles.

It was this ruthless resolve, this bitter, driving spirit, that early last season led me to label Birmingham the Iron Team of football.

It also led a lot of sour-apples to hint that Birmingham were a dirty side.

So had been the talk that Len Boyd, then the Birmingham captain, hit back at the team's critics.

"I am dumbfounded," he said. "All this talk that Birmingham City are a bunch of thugs. . . that we trample everybody to death. . . that we are soccer's gangsters. . . just isn't true. It takes skill to get to Wembley."

That was my view at the time. It still is. Birmingham are a trim side, a hard side. But dirty? No.

TOWERING TASK

What are the Birmingham assets in the towering task ahead of them?

● A great goalkeeper. Not only has GIL MEHRICK, captain of all his old confidence, but his anticipation is in the Harry Hibbs class—razor-sharp.

● A future England centre half. TREVOR SMITH, the treble-pundit, Birmingham defender, as brilliantly as Billy Wright does for England. In fact Trevor may soon supersede Wright in the national eleven.

● One of the hardest-tackling half-back lines in the League. JOHN WATTS, SMITH, and Boyd's successor as skipper, ROY WARRHURST, are 90-minute warriors who spare neither themselves nor opposing forwards.

Moreover, Warrhurst missed a finalist's medal last year through injury. He wants one badly.

● An attack which, although it doesn't burgle goals with quite its old zest, can still seize on the slightest half-chance. Ask Forest.

Finally, there is another factor in the Cup—Tradition.

Since the war it has become more and more of a Wembley tradition that the team which loses in the Final comes back to win at Wembley in the following year.

Remember May 5, 1956? The thick, emerald carpet of Wembley Stadium. . . Birmingham, the favourites, marching out to proudly with Manchester City. . . the whistle for the kick-off. . . then, the shock of the year as elegant Don Revie, Manchester's last-minute choice, played all kinds of merry hell with nerve-racked Brummagem?

Three—one. That was the result. And Bert Trautmann broke his neck. Yet only the year before Newcastle had ripped City to pieces in the 1955 Final.

OTHER OMENS

There are other omens. For the first time in 80 years three clubs, all within a 10-mile radius, will appear in the Cup semi-finals this Saturday—West Bromwich Albion, the new power-house Aston Villa side and. . . Birmingham.

In fact this is the 15th time Villa and Albion have reached the semi-finals. So however you look at it, it is the Midlands versus Manchester with the poor old "decadent" South once more taking a back seat.

In betting circles and on paper, Manchester United, at 11-8 against, are scalding-hot Cup favourites.

And I'm not belittling them. They are a superb young outfit. Indeed, according to the experts they can't lose! All they've got to do to win the Cup is stand up!

This, of course, is nonsense. Nothing in football is cut-and-dried. Something nearly always happens to unhorse the "dead certainties."

And that's why I say to Matt Busby and his boys the other morning: "Watch the Midlands. Don't underestimate Roy Warrhurst and his Birmingham Tigers. You never know, they might give you the shock of your lives."

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Nominate YOUR

Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the . . . Club.

(Signed)

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Leslie Ames Will Not Be Renominated As Test Selector

Leslie Ames, former Kent and England wicketkeeper, will not, at his own request, be renominated as a Test selector this year. Ames says he could not do full justice to his new position as team manager to Kent if he continued as a Test selector.

Ames added: "If Colin Cowdrey, our captain, is to be a regular member of the England eleven again, then it becomes even more important that I should give all my time to Kent."

Joe Bygraves, of Birkenhead, will defend his British Empire heavyweight title in Cardiff at the end of May. His opponent will be either British Champion Joe Eakins or Dick Richardson. Jamaican-born Bygraves, who outpointed Tongan Kidron Lave to gain the title last June, now wants to fight any British heavyweight. Says manager Campbell: "All Joe wants is to fight and he is confident he can beat both Eakins and Richardson."

RYDER CUP GOLFER

Peter Alliss, 20-year-old assistant at Farnham, has been appointed professional at Parkstone. He succeeds the late Reg Whitcombe. Alliss, who is a Ryder Cup golfer and holder of the Spanish Open championship, will share duties with his brother Alec.

Syd O'Linn, 29-year-old Springbok footballer signed by Charlton Athletic in 1946, is returning home to settle in South Africa at the end of this season. O'Linn, who has also played cricket for Kent, may take a soccer coaching job. He was one of the first South Africans to be signed by Charlton.

Dal Dover, British Flyweight Champion, will have his first crack at Pascual Perez's world title in Buenos Aires on either March 23 or 30.

Dennis Compton has told Middlesex he will be available for another season if his leg permits. And after that? "I will make up my mind when I return to England and announce my decision before the new season starts," he says. "It's extremely unlikely I shall ever play for England again, but you never know."

Hashim Khan Enters Qr-Finals With Easy Win

London, Mar. 20. Hashim Khan (Pakistan) the holder, and his younger brother, Azam, each took only 15 minutes to reach the quarter-finals of the Open Squash Rackets Club, London, today.

Hashim, who has won the title for the past six years, a record, lost only two points in beating S. J. S. Lam, an amateur from India, 9-2, 0-0, 0-0.

The British professional champion, Azam, romped home even easier. He beat an Englishman, T. Pickering 9-0, 0-0, 0-0. First Round results were: Hashim Khan (Pakistan) beat S. J. S. Lam (India) 9-2, 0-0, 0-0.

J. G. Gilles (Royal Automobile Club) beat P. M. H. Robinson (Sussex) 9-3, 0-0, 7-0, 0-2.

Azam Khan (New Gramplains Club) beat T. Pickering (Yorkshire) 9-0, 0-0, 0-0.

R. B. Hawkey (Cambridge-shire) beat R. M. H. Dodding (Herts) 9-0, 10-9, 9-4.

The first round will be completed tomorrow. —France-Press.

U.S. Ice Hockey Team Unexpectedly Beaten 13-5

London, Mar. 20. The American ice hockey team won its 23rd victory out of 25 matches played on its current European tour, when it defeated Britain's number one team, Harringway Racers, by six goals to four at Harringway, London, tonight.

Last night the American team was unexpectedly beaten in Brighton by the local professional team, who won 13-5. —France-Press.

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

SHE'S KNOWN AS HOLLYWOOD'S FAVOURITE SCREEN MOTHER

By RON BURTON

Hollywood.

Lurene Tuttle, who wears her two score-plus years lightly and is known as one of Hollywood's favourite screen mothers, says that lots of women in her age bracket are very woo-minded.

Miss Tuttle, who is a grandmother, thanks to her daughter, actress Barbara Ruick, has argued at length on the topic of mature women and love. Now she has a chance to demonstrate to millions what she means.

"I'm working in Warners' 'Untamed Youth' and have two very passionate love scenes with a handsome man, played by John Russell," she said. "There were skeptics at first—that's because I play a female judge who's in cahoots with a bad guy rancher who's much younger than I am."

"Well, in the story the rancher plays me along as a means to his evil ends, and I don't learn about his real intentions until the end of the picture. In the meantime, we have some very warm love scenes."

associated with present-day cosmetic technique, but there are several different items, she says.

"I like some of the things I learned so well that I'm adapting them for my own use," said the actress who plays Queen Neferiti in the film. "What I like best is the rouging of the tips of the fingers and the tips of the toes and the feet. It's extraordinary how attractive this is."

"For open-toed shoes, for example, in summertime just a little dark Technicolor rough—which is more like a skin orange colour—on the tips of the toes is very intriguing."

Miss Tuttle was smitten by eye shadow colour as introduced many a century back by Egyptian beauties.

LIKES WIGS.

"Now I buy all shades and mix them myself," she said. "The ancients had only one colour—mauve—which they got from the substance. They put this beautiful blue-green in oil and must have come up with some exciting effects."

The actress said modern women could well use tone makeup as utilized by the queen's contemporaries.

"This make-up was more on the hair side—a bra shade—which to me is more flattering to a woman," she said. "Certainly, it's more flattering than the spurious hot pinks and purple shades."

Miss Tuttle said Egyptian women also relied heavily on wigs to beautify themselves. She agrees with them in favouring wigs, particularly since it's obviously easier to do a wig than to dye one's hair.

"They're expensive nowadays, I know," she said. "However, there are really a few women in this country who wear wigs that anyone would imagine—except maybe wig-makers. Of course, they aren't called wigs. They're 'transformations.'"

SHOP TALK

Edna Mae Cooper began her motion picture career in 1917 and was promptly dubbed "The Girl with the Tragic Eyes" by Cecil B. DeMille. Forty years

later she is appearing in "The Ten Commandments," a DeMille film.

Facts: Billie Burke, known for roles as a flutney female, is 71 years old. . . . Real names include Muzayd Yaghoob (Danny Thomas) and Joan Lucille Olander (Mamie Van Doren).

Fifty teenagers did some of the most pleasant work of their lives when they were hired as rock 'n' roll dancers for Allied Artists' "Dino." They said they really couldn't consider their several days of dancing work—but they accepted their salary checks.

Higher education note: Jeff Chandler, who majored in chemistry in college, says that kissing Kim Novak is nothing more than an adrenocortrophic oscillation. That's because of the reaction, he said. Expressed impersonally, it's like this: "The pituitary gland immediately manufactures a potent adrenocortrophic substance. At the same time the adrenal glands are stimulated, the blood pressure rises, there is a swift breakdown of white blood cells, the pulse quickens, the circulation jumps, and the heart action speeds up." Chandler added, "Boy!"

Jack Palance discovered while on location at San Quentin Prison in California for "The House of Numbers" that convicts' talk is essentially be-bop. Reasons include the average age of the inmates—many of them are in the late teens and early twenties—and popularity of radio music programs permitted in the prison. Many listen to be-bop music.

Production notes: Two of producer-director Roger Corman's films will be released together—"Attack of the Crab Monsters" and "Not of This Earth," both by Allied Artists. . . . Fess Parker's fourth role at Disney Studios will be as a Texas pioneer in "Old Yeller," the story of a brave mutt and a boy in Texas in 1880.—United Press.

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KOWLOON

Peter Doherty Suggests Referees And Linesmen Be Formed Into Teams

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

Once again the poor old referee and linesmen are getting the lash as the excitement of the Cup whips up the frenzy of the fans. Crowds are grumbling about vital decisions that knocked their teams out of the Cup. Some say the referee should take more notice of the linesmen. . . . others argue that linesmen are becoming too powerful.

Spectators get the long view and they often see things in a different way—apart from their partisanship. But the referee has to make a snap decision, sometimes in a split second.

Most referees do a difficult job well—but why can't we make it easier for them?

Doncaster manager Peter Doherty has suggested that referees and linesmen be formed into teams to work together at the same games throughout the season.

Constant practice and teamwork are two success rules for any top-class League team. Why not the same facilities for officials?

English League referees meet different linesmen at the season's end. They rarely have a chance to make some plan of campaign. It all has to be done in the few moments they have together before a game starts.

I think the Doherty plan would be a great benefit to the game. The officials would get to know each other's style and would be able to co-ordinate signals and control.

For instance, agreed signals would do away with the ungalloping rush of a referee to the linesman, followed by a chasing horde of players. The referee could tell from the middle exactly what his linesman meant.

I think, too, that working together would give the officials greater overall confidence. They would know by experience how each other's mind was working.

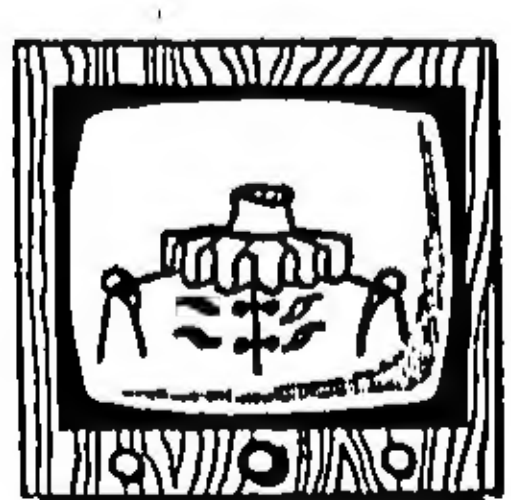
This scheme would probably mean more travel for the referees. But I am certain they would be prepared to make the long trips together if it made their job on the field less difficult.

But until we get a plan like this, I think we should help, not hinder, the referee and linesmen.

They are nobody's friends. They can only give their own interpretation of the rules and act as they see the incident.

It is the world's hardest job to control a game with 50,000 yelling fans and 22 excited players—and I sympathise with the officials every time.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

STOCKS RISE
AND FALL ON
WALL STREET

New York, Mar. 20.
Stocks turned down on late realising, after rising most of the session on substantially increased turnover.

With nothing really concrete to spur the advance, many leaders fell from the highs, some of them to net losses for the day.

Tin Council
Likely To Raise
Floor Price

London, Mar. 20.
The fourth meeting of the International Tin Council opened in London this morning. The Chairman, M. Georges Peter (France), presided and there was full gathering of delegates.

Apart from the delegates, those attending in an advisory capacity included Mr. A. D. Dawson, Deputy Controller of export commodities in the Department of Commerce and Industry of the Malayan Government, and Sir Douglas Waring, President of the Chamber of Mines, representing the mining industry.

The meeting is expected to end this week. The delegates were due to debate proposals for a higher floor price for tin, according to a statement by the Chairman after the Council's last meeting. This refers to the price on the London Metal Exchange at which the Manager of the Buffer Stock is compelled to buy tin, and so keep the price up. This price is at present £400 per ton. The market feeling is that this limit is likely to be raised by the Council to at least £700.—China Mail Special.

US Industrial
Show For Japan

New York, Mar. 20.
A group of American firms are sending industrial displays to Japan this month for the week-long conference on the peaceful uses of atomic energy in Tokyo from May 13-16.

The exhibit will be staged in Tokyo at the Shirokyn Exhibit Hall from May 12-19 and at the Sogo Exhibit Hall in Osaka from May 24-31. It is being sponsored by the atomic industrial forums of the United States and Japan.

At least 30 Americans from industry, government, education and research activities will be speakers at the conference which will hold separate sessions in Osaka and Nagoya as well as in Tokyo.

The U.S. section of the exhibit will centre around a 30-square foot theme display and information centre depicting the scope and potential of the entire atomic industry.—United Press.

BRITISH CAR
PRODUCTION

London, Mar. 20.
United Kingdom car production in February rose to 47,040 from the January total of 41,598 units, but was substantially below the 68,881 cars produced in February, 1956, according to the Board of Trade.

Car exports, however, at 28,400 were up on both January's 26,372 and last February's 20,040.

Goods vehicle production was 20,147 units compared with 17,068 in January and 20,927 in February last year and that of public service vehicles 638 against 712 in January and 972 in February 1956.—China Mail Special.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local "official" exchange market this morning at the following rates:
U.S. dollar (per £1) 61.10
Australian dollar (per £1) 10.33
New Zealand dollar (per £1) 10.33
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 22.75
Siam baht (per 100) 22.75
Singapore (Straits) 1.80

VEHICLE PRODUCTION CUTBACK
HITS RUBBER COMPANY

New York, Mar. 20.
THE cutback in motor vehicle production, combined with higher labour and selling costs, were the major factors behind a five per cent decline in the net profit of the United States Rubber Company during 1956, its annual report disclosed here.

Net income was \$31,070,013, equivalent to \$4.83 a share of common stock, compared with \$33,659,404 or \$5.14 a share in 1955, Mr. H.E. Humphreys, Jr., Chairman of the Board, reported.

Sales for 1956 totalled \$901,260,194 and were 2.0 per cent below the Company's all-time record of \$925,539,092 in 1955.

An increase in foreign business and a greater volume of sales in footwear, conveyor belts, power transmission belting and other industrial products were more than offset by reduced sales of tyres, foam rubber, upholstery fabrics and other automotive products, Mr. Humphreys said.

Improvements to property, plant and equipment, amounted to \$32,614,229 during the year. The Company's west coast foam rubber plant was doubled in size. Production was also increased for rug underlay, furniture cushioning, golf balls, conveyor belts, hose and battery separators.

Automatic equipment was installed in tyre plants to reduce costs and improve quality. Production of fire hose was modernised.

The company's new research centre, which will be the most modern in the industry, will be completed before the end of 1957. It was reported that twenty-four new products, developed in the company's

central research laboratories since 1948, were responsible for \$100 million in sales during the year.

Sales of Dominion Rubber Company Limited, the company's Canadian subsidiary, reached a record high in 1956 and foreign business in other countries also increased.

The company acquired control of North British Rubber Company Limited, in Edinburgh (Scotland), and started construction of two new plants to manufacture latex yarn and Incon thread through affiliated companies in England and France.—China Mail Special.

At the close, the 1st ruled unchanged to 11 points higher. The market opened four higher to one lower. New Orleans closed one point higher.

Nearby May and July advanced after the opening on trade covering brought about by a 140-bale drop. In certified cotton stocks to 10,298 bales. Scattered trade demand kept these deliveries around their highs for the day. There also was a little transferring from nearby May to July, but nothing of any significance.

Cotton ginned from the 1956 cotton crop amounted to 13,150,313 bales, compared with 13,097,798 bales prior to January 16, according to the Bureau of Census. Ginning from the 1955 crop totalled 14,542,000 bales.

Domestic cotton consumption for the four weeks ended March 2 totalled 698,000 bales, compared with 640,000 in the preceding four-week period, and 760,000 in the four weeks ended Feb. 23, 1956.

Daily rate of consumption for the latest period averaged 34,800 bales, against 33,900 and 38,000 in the respective comparative period.

Month Volume Open Interest
May 14,300 354,000
June 9,500 151,500
July 8,500 178,700
Aug. 6,400 153,200
Sept. 2,500 75,000
Oct. 1,500 41,000
Nov. 1,000 21,000
Dec. 1,000 1,000

SAO PAULO
Cotton future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:
May 37.05
June 36.80
July 36.50
Aug. 36.20
Sept. 35.90
Oct. 35.60
Nov. 35.30
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IN THE U.S., the average spot price at 14 designated markets was 33.87 cents.
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England official 2.70
30-day 2.70-9/10
60-day 2.70-15/10
New Zealand 2.70
Switzerland 2.70
Others were unchanged.—United Press.

LONDON FOREIGN
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London, Mar. 20.
Closing rates were:
New York 2.70 10/10-3/10
Montreal 2.68-1/2-5/10
Amsterdam 1.04-11/10
Brussels 1.04-11/10
Copenhagen 1.04-11/10
Geneva 1.04-11/10
Hamburg 1.04-11/10
Paris 1.04-11/10
Stockholm 1.04-11/10
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AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
SPLIT
Proposed Bank
Reform Dispute

Canberra, Mar. 20.
Proposals for the reform of the Commonwealth Bank have caused deep differences of opinion between the two Coalition Government parties here, the Liberal party, led by Mr Robert Menzies, the Prime Minister, and the Country Party, whose leader is Sir Arthur Fadden, the Federal Treasurer.

The reforms would separate the central and trading functions of the Bank.

Liberal Ministers, including Mr Menzies, favour the reforms, while Sir Arthur Fadden and the Country party oppose them.

Political observers here say that the situation is similar to that created by a suggestion for the revaluation of the Australian pound in 1951. Then, they recall, the Country party Ministers threatened to resign and withdraw their support from the Government if Mr Menzies persisted in his plans. Mr Menzies capitulated.

Other opponents of a change in the present banking system are stressing that such legislation would touch off a political fight from which the opposition Labour party could gain much.

Observers here do not expect the dispute to go so far as to cause a dissolution of Parliament.—China Mail Special.

CHICAGO GRAIN
MARKET
Chicago, Mar. 20.
Most grains advanced on the Board of Trade today in active dealings.

Wheat futures were up after a letup in March liquidation. Old crop months showed the most strength on today's trading.

Soybeans were about steady. There was some liquidation, and trade was generally small.

Wheat closed up 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents. Soybeans closed up 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents.

Wheat No. 2, reg.
Spot 224 1/2-225 1/4
May 224 1/2
July 224 1/2
Sept. 224 1/2
Dec. 224 1/2

Corn, No. 2, yellow.
Spot 130-130 1/2
May 130-130 1/2
July 130-130 1/2
Sept. 130-130 1/2
Dec. 130-130 1/2

Oats.
May 71 1/2
July 71 1/2
Sept. 71 1/2
Dec. 71 1/2

Soybeans, No. 2, yellow.
Spot 24 1/2-24 3/4
May 24 1/2
July 24 1/2
Sept. 24 1/2
Dec. 24 1/2

Barley.
Spot 130-140
New York flour 80 lb. sack \$13.00-13.25
WINNIPEG PRICES
Winnipeg, Mar. 20.
Prices of grain futures closed today in cents per bushel as follows:
Oats
May 71 1/2
July 71 1/2
Sept. 71 1/2
Dec. 71 1/2
Rye
May 114 1/2
July 114 1/2
Sept. 114 1/2
Dec. 114 1/2
Flaxseed
May 22 1/2
July 22 1/2
Sept. 22 1/2
Dec. 22 1/2
Canadian wheat export: No. 2 60 lb. cwt. No. 1 19 1/2 cents—United Press.

Banks' Difficulties

The Chairman of the Australian Bankers' Association, Mr H. D. Williamson, said in a statement issued after the conference that most of the private trading banks' difficulties are a result of the Chifley Banking Act of 1946, which was designed to squeeze the trading banks out of existence by imposing impossible controls on them.

The private banks proposed:
1. The establishment of a central bank entirely separated from any trading functions or activities.

2. The replacement of the special accounts provisions of the Banking Act by a system of statutory reserve deposits.

Mr Williamson emphasized that central banks in other countries seem to function effectively without conducting a trading section and that private

NY COTTON MARKET
FINISHES UP WITH
STEADY UNDERTONE

WORLD PRICES

New York, Mar. 20.
Cotton futures moved irregularly throughout most of today's session but finished with a steady undertone.

Nearby deliveries were up from start, but new crop months, under pressure for most of the day, moved into the plus column near the close on commission house buying.

At the close, the 1st ruled unchanged to 11 points higher. The market opened four higher to one lower. New Orleans closed one point higher.

Nearby May and July advanced after the opening on trade covering brought about by a 140-bale drop. In certified cotton stocks to 10,298 bales. Scattered trade demand kept these deliveries around their highs for the day. There also was a little transferring from nearby May to July, but nothing of any significance.

Cotton ginned from the 1956 cotton crop amounted to 13,150,313 bales, compared with 13,097,798 bales prior to January 16, according to the Bureau of Census. Ginning from the 1955 crop totalled 14,542,000 bales.

Domestic cotton consumption for the four weeks ended March 2 totalled 698,000 bales, compared with 640,000 in the preceding four-week period, and 760,000 in the four weeks ended Feb. 23, 1956.

Daily rate of consumption for the latest period averaged 34,800 bales, against 33,900 and 38,000 in the respective comparative period.

Month Volume Open Interest
May 14,300 354,000
June 9,500 151,500
July 8,500 178,700
Aug. 6,400 153,200
Sept. 2,500 75,000
Oct. 1,500 41,000
Nov. 1,000 21,000
Dec. 1,000 1,000

SAO PAULO
Cotton future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:
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NAMESAKES
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Charles the First.

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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

A Family Man

SHE is a favourite character with cartoonists — the criminal's wife. He is shown masked, a bag of swag over his shoulder, going to or coming from the scene of the crime. She is telling him what she wants him to steal, as though she were making out a shopping-list. Or she is trying on for size, stolen tiaras, ropes of pearls.

In fact, the criminal's wife is more often sad than funny. Herbert's wife had known what it was to keep the family going while he was away in prison — now for 18 months, now for three years.

HOME LOVER
SOMEHOW she held on, and miraculously kept secret from her two small boys the reason for their father's disappearance.

When Herbert came out of prison last, in 1952, she begged him to give up crime — and he did. He was lucky and got a job that had prospects. By 1957, he was earning £20 a week as a salesman. His wife's troubles seemed over.

Each morning, Herbert went to work at 7 o'clock. He was rarely home before 7.30 in the evening. And when he came home, he stayed home.

DANGEROUS SATURDAY
ON his Saturday mornings off, Herbert went drinking merrily with friends. Saturdays frightened his wife, for sometimes he came home from the local pub with a bottle of wine and a bottle of beer.

The other day, after a morning session, he walked into a store, picked up six pullovers, stuffed them under his coat, and walked out. He was caught and at Clerkenwell pleaded guilty to theft.

His wife went into the witness-box. "He's so good now, sir," she said to Mr. E. G. Robey. "He lives such a good life. For the boys' sake, sir, can you give him a chance? I've never told the boys."

She looked with love and pity to the dock where her husband, a stocky, greying man of 50, stood.

Herbert was fined £20, instead of being sent to prison. His wife went out of the court by way of the public gallery. And there total strangers patted her on the back as she passed. To their pity, I would add mine.

It Rains Stones On A Farm

Perth, Mar. 20.

For the past few days it has been raining stones on a farm at Pumphrey, 82 miles south-east of Perth.

The stones are mainly pebbles, but some have been large enough to cause painful bruises to persons on the farm owned by Alan Donaldson.

His farm workers, mostly bush country natives, seem convinced there is some supernatural explanation for the falling stones — and minerals in the area have not been able to offer an alternative explanation.

The hoodoo talk really got going after a 23-year-old native, Cyril Penny, left the district and returned to his home 100 miles away to consult a tribal leader on the phenomenon. Mysteriously, the stones stopped falling, temporarily, immediately after that.

UNDER A SPELL?

This gave rise to a theory that Penny was the key man in the situation, that he was under a spell and the stones fell because of his presence on the Donaldson farm.

Normal explanation of the phenomenon would be that the stones were picked up by wind and dropped on the farm. But the stones have also been found inside the tents of the workers, and this has been verified by disinterested parties. Apparently they get inside the tents without damaging the fabric. How?

For this question there has been no ready answer.

The Donaldson farm is on a flat plain with no high place in the vicinity from which stones could fall. —United Press.

FLYING SAUCERS: SCIENTIST'S CLAIM CHALLENGED

Washington, Mar. 20.

A private research organisation challenged a leading government scientist today to prove his claim that there is no such thing as a "flying saucer".

The Director of the Research group offered to disband the organisation if the scientist could offer absolute proof of his statement.

The challenge was issued to Dr. Hugh Dryden, Director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, by Mr. Donald Keyhoe, head of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

Mr. Dryden told a House Appropriations sub-committee recently that the much-discussed "unidentified flying objects" simply did not exist. Mr. Keyhoe, in a letter to Mr. Dryden, said the NICAP "has in its possession new evidence that vital facts about UFOs have been withheld from the public."

A PROMISE
"If, as you imply, you can provide absolute proof that UFOs are non-existent, then NICAP will publish this as its final conclusion and at the same time I shall request the Board to dissolve this committee at once."

Mr. Keyhoe, a retired Marine Corps major who has written several books on saucers, told Dr. Dryden NICAP was controlled by a "responsible Board of Governors" including such retired service leaders as General Albert Wedemeyer, Rear-Admiral Delmer Fahrney and Air Force General William Kepner.

The Committee was established to investigate UFO reports by military fliers, airline pilots, radar operators and guided missile trackers.

Dr. Dryden's claim was made in an exchange with a sub-committee chairman, Mr. Albert Thomas, during hearings last month. Dr. Dryden had denied a published report that Germans had developed a 1,250-mph saucer just before World War II ended. —United Press.

US Navy Merges Command

Washington, Mar. 20.

The Navy today merged its major defensive task in the Atlantic area in one new command and placed it under Vice-Admiral Frank Watkins.

Admiral Watkins, recently commander of the Atlantic Fleet submarine force, today relieved Rear-Admiral F. M. Hughes as commander of the Atlantic Fleet anti-submarine force. Admiral Hughes will become commander of the Fifth Naval District.

In announcing the new command, the Navy related its responsibilities to the "possibility of submarine-launched missile attacks against the United States."

Admiral Jerauld Wright, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, in making the announcement, said "a major objective of this change is to insure the fastest reaction possible by the fleet" in the event of a missile attack.

RESPONSIBILITIES
In his new job, Admiral Watkins will have authority for all anti-submarine efforts of the fleet in the Atlantic. He will direct the command the Navy contribution to the radar early warning line that stretches from out to sea and he will be responsible for planning war type protection and control of all shipping in the Atlantic.

In addition to these major duties he was also given the responsibility for operational and training task in the anti-submarine field and he was given what the Navy described as "considerable voice" in the research and development of anti-submarine devices.

The Navy has repeatedly stressed the potential danger from the rapid buildup of the Soviet submarine force, which numbers about 450 vessels according to US intelligence. The US Navy has also repeatedly said that seagoing submarines could launch missiles that could hit key US cities and bases along the Atlantic seaboard. —Reuter.

May Run For Presidency

Manila, Mar. 21.

Sena's President Eulogio Rodriguez yesterday virtually threw his hat into the presidential ring as he announced he might run for the presidency if this was necessary to preserve national unity and keep the ruling Nacionalista Party intact.

Rodriguez' statement came after his supporters urged him to run, pointing out that maneuvering for elective posts in the coming November elections, caused by the death of President Maguysay, would cause serious divisions among the people and within the Nacionalista Party.

Another development was the urging of some Nacionalista leaders to include Mrs. Ramon Maguysay in the Nacionalista Senatorial slate.

Meanwhile, there were reports that some NP leaders had launched a move to oust Senator Claro Roco from the majority party following a NP meeting two days ago in which the question of Roco's election was taken up in the event he ran for President as a rebel NP member.

President Carlos Garcia and Roco had a brief meeting yesterday but Roco said that his visit was purely a "courtesy call." —France-Press.

Goa's Return Inevitable — Nehru

New Delhi, Mar. 20.

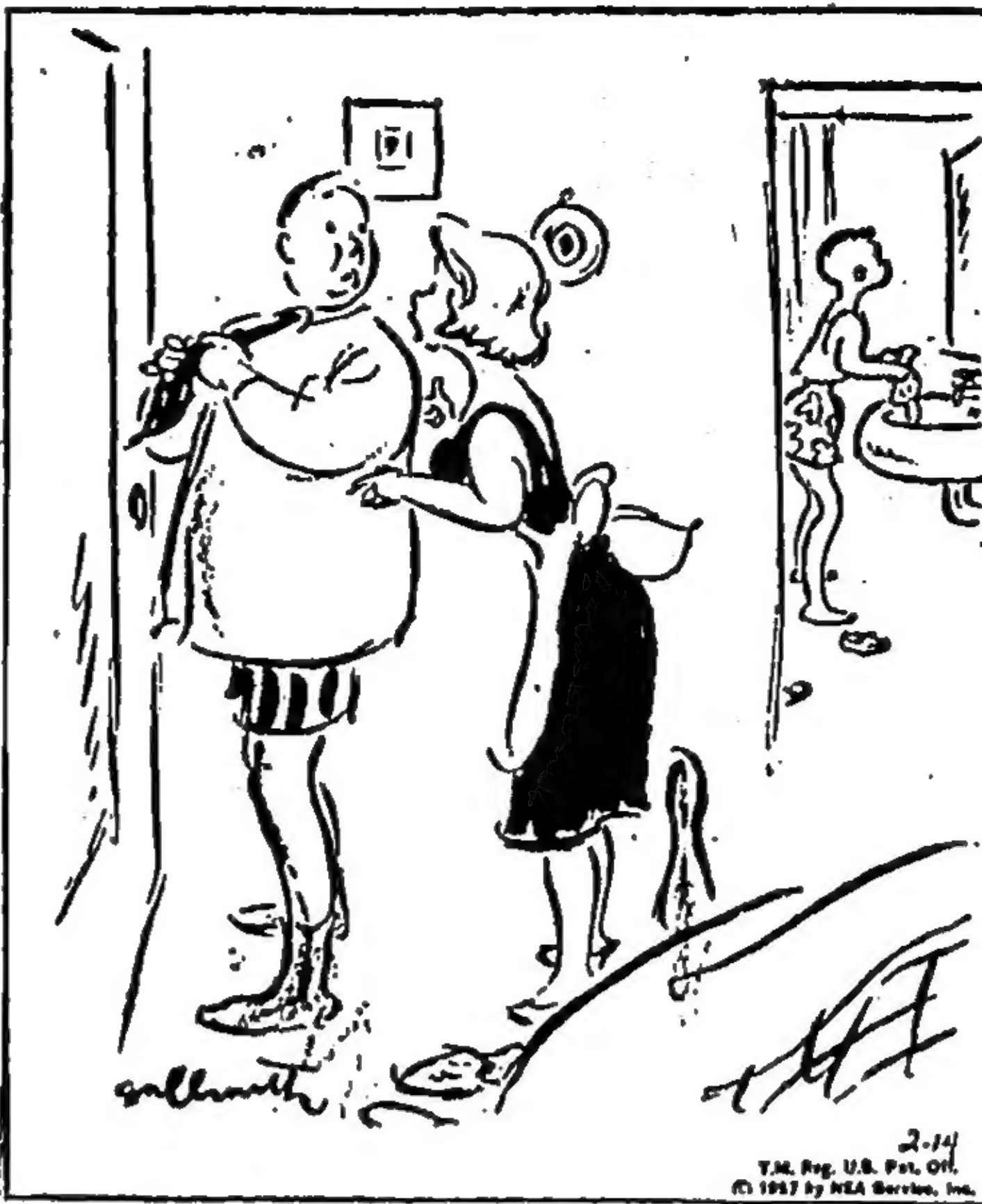
Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru declared today that "it is inevitable that Goa must come to us."

Nehru said that India does not want to take drastic action and the Portuguese colony now because reaction would be felt elsewhere.

"We have to be cautious," Nehru told Parliament. He declined to predict future action by saying "it cannot" lay a timetable on this matter."

Nehru said the Goa question "continues to trouble us not because of its magnitude but because Goa is essentially important to us." —United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"He says the way living costs are soaring, we've got to pay him 10 percent more for washing his neck and ears!"

Magistrate On Gold Concealment

The seriousness of concealing gold in one's person was stressed by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning when he imposed a fine of \$750 on Ho Kwok, 47, for illegal importation of 14 bars of gold.

Good Year For North Point Wharves

An increased profit for the year was reported this morning at the annual general meeting of North Point Wharves, Ltd. over which Major S. M. Churn presided.

Major Churn said the profit was \$500,159, representing 8.46 per cent on issued capital. This was an improvement over the previous year of \$59,500, or 11 per cent.

Cargo handled again showed an increase and the company's properties worked to near capacity throughout the year.

Major Churn added: "Our clientele has been maintained and no complaints received. The staff have again given excellent and satisfactory service, both to the company and its many clients."

From the Directors' Report you will have noted that the balance available for appropriation is \$1,075,387, and I propose this be dealt with as recommended by the Directors, that is:

Pay a dividend of 50 cents per share absorbing \$352,250; transfer to general reserve \$500,000; pay bonus to the staff of the directors of the Directors \$50,000; provide for taxation 1957-58 \$45,000; carry forward to 1957 account \$720,137.

Stored Dangerous Goods

Mr. I. T. Morris this morning fined the Major Contractors Limited and its chief engineer, Li Ki-van, \$5,000 each for storing dangerous goods without a licence. The case was heard at Kowloon Magistracy.

The defendants were summoned for storing 71 sticks of gelignite, 25 pounds of gunpowder and 20 coils of safety-fuse in a hut at Tai Wo Ping on March 6 last. The explosives were found by the police during investigation of a report made by the defendant company of the theft of explosives.

Mr. Morris said that "the use of these explosives under the Ordinance requires that stringent safety measures should be enforced. Storage of explosives without safety measures only encourages thieves to break into the premises where they are kept."

On Way To Funeral

The Governor of Macao, His Excellency, Lieut. Commander Pedro Correia de Barros, arrived from Macao, on the way Tai Loy this morning en route to Manila to attend the funeral of President Ramon Maguysay.

He was accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp, Lieut. Lobar Ferreira, and Mr. David Barreto, a Macao journalist who is going to Manila to report President Maguysay's funeral.

On hand to greet the party when they arrived were Mr. Eduardo L. Roca, Philippine Consul in Hongkong, the Portuguese Consul, Dr. G. M. Castilho, and the Portuguese Vice-Consul, Mr. S. M. Ribeiro.

Picture above by staff photographer, shows the Governor of Macao leaving the Tai Loy, flanked by Mr. Eduardo Roca on his right and Dr. G. M. Castilho on his left.

CONVICTION QUASHED ON TECHNICAL POINT

The conviction of a former detective on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences was quashed by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Appeals Court this morning because of the omission of the words "...with intent to defraud" from the charge.

The appellant, Chan Kit, 29, had been sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr A. A. Huggins at Kowloon.

Chan was originally charged with demanding money with menaces. The Magistrate amended the charge to one of obtaining money by false pretences, a charge under section 50(a) of the Larceny Ordinance.

Chan was accused of obtaining \$400 from Mul Siu-kuen by falsely pretending he was an officer on the staff of the American Consulate.

Mr Richard Winter represented Chan this morning on instructions of Mr P. M. Mr. M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel appeared for the Crown.

Mr Winter said there were originally four grounds of appeal, but with the Court's permission he would deal only with the fourth ground, namely, that the substantive charge was bad in law and did not disclose an offence.

However, "His Lordship went on, he had noted that the Magistrate, in imposing one year's sentence in respect of the first charge, said he had taken the second charge into consideration, but imposed no sentence on that charge."

"This seems to me to be an unsatisfactory procedure," he remarked. "It would, in my opinion, be more in order if concurrent sentences were imposed."

Mr Justice Gregg varied the record to read as follows: One year on the first charge, one month on the second; sentences to be concurrent, and to date from the day the original sentence was imposed.

His Lordship observed that the sentence was passed some three months ago. He asked Crown Counsel to look into the delay in the time taken for the case to be brought up for appeal.

Mr Morley-John said he would look into the matter.

DENIES RIOTING
Another unsuccessful appellant was Kam Chuen, 24, eye-worker, who was given two years by Mr D. Coss at Kowloon on February 8 for rioting and unlawful assembly at Tsun Wan last year.

Appealing against conviction and, alternatively, against sentence, Kam denied taking part in the disorders. He said he was working in his factory when it happened.

Kam said he realised that rioting and unlawful assembly were serious offences and he would not dare to commit them. Appellant said he had a family to support and asked the Judge to take this into account.

In reply to a question from the Court, Crown Counsel agreed that the appellant had had a clear record. This had already been taken into account by the Magistrate, he said.

Mr Morley-John added that, according to the evidence, the appellant had used violence.

Mr Justice Gregg told Kam that he saw no reason for interfering with the conviction and with the sentence.

Jordan Claims 4 Israeli Dead

Amman, Mar. 20.

The Jordan Army command said tonight that four Israeli soldiers were killed in a battle with a Jordanian patrol inside Jordan territory yesterday.

In an official statement it said Jordan had asked the Armistice Commission for an urgent investigation and a United Nations' team would leave for the scene tomorrow.

The Jordan army statements said that an Israeli patrol crossed the armistice lines about 11 miles inside Jordan territory and opened automatic fire and threw grenades at the Jordanian patrol.

The Israelis retired after a half-hour fight.

It was the second Israeli attack within 10 days in the same area, the Jordanian statement said. —Reuter.

Crash Survivor Better

Manila, Mar. 21.

Philippine Herald newsmen Nestor Mata, lone survivor of the presidential plane crash last Sunday, has passed the "immediate crisis" and is recovering satisfactorily. It was reported last night.

Mata is still confined at the Southern Hospital in Cebu Province.

Doctors advised against his being airlifted to Manila since he needed "absolute rest."

There were reports yesterday that Mata's condition had worsened. —France-Press.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally earlier than those for unregistered parcels. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21
By Air
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, G.P.O. India, 6 p.m.
Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface
India-China, Thailand, 3 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22
By Air
Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface
India-China, Thailand, 3 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
By Air
Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface
India-China, Thailand, 3 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
By Air
Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface
India-China, Thailand, 3 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 25
By Air
Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface
India-China, Thailand, 3 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26
By Air
Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface
India-China, Thailand, 3 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

C-in-C Leaves For Manila

Admiral Sir Alan K. Scott-Moncrieff, KCB, CBE, OBE, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, left Singapore today for Manila where he will attend the funeral of President Ramon Maguysay. He is representing the three Commanders-in-Chief of the Far Eastern theatre. The Commander-in-Chief is expected to pay a short visit to Hongkong before returning to Singapore.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time for Older Children presented by Elizabeth; 6. Time Signal; 6.30. Programme Summary; 6.35. Sports; 6.40. Weather Report; 6.45. Time Signal; 6.50. The News; 7.00. Commercial; 7.05. The News; 7.10. Band Call; 7.15. Short Story; 7.20. The Gentle Rain; by Neville Braybrook; 7.25. The News; 7.30. The News; 7.35. The News; 7.40. The News; 7.45. The News; 7.50. The News; 7.55. The News; 8.00. The News; 8.05. The News; 8.10. The News; 8.15. The News; 8.20. The News; 8.25. The News; 8.30. The News; 8.35. The News; 8.40. The News; 8.45. The News; 8.50. The News; 8.55. The News; 9.00. The News; 9.05. The News; 9.10. The News; 9.15. The News; 9.20. The News; 9.25. The News; 9.30. The News; 9.35. The News; 9.40. The News; 9.45. The News; 9.50. The News; 9.55. The News; 10.00. The News; 10.05. The News; 10.10. The News; 10.15. The News; 10.20. The News; 10.25. The News; 10.30. The News; 10.35. The News; 10.40. The News; 10.45. The News; 10.50. The News; 10.55. The News; 11.00. 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